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Kehewin parents threaten to sue Social Services grabs kids off reserve

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

KEHEWIN, ALTA.

The grieving parents of a recently-buried Kehewin youth, are shocked by the loss of their three remaining children who they accuse government workers of abducting last Friday.

They have accused social service workers of using deceit to take their children from a prearranged foster home located on the reserve.

Lila McCarthy and her common-law husband Vernon Soloway were still mourning the death of their three-year-old son Dallas, killed in a recent car accident, when they received word their three remaining children were taken off the reserve by social service case workers.

"They were torn from us again," McCarthy moaned while leafing through her family album at her reserve home. "We didn't even get a chance to hold our babies or nothing."

"They were taken and we haven't been contacted by anyone. We have a right to know where our babies are."

She said social service case workers are respon-

sible for abducting the children after arrangements were made to keep them with foster parents Philip and Caroline Paul.

McCarthy's accusations come in the wake of a failed attempt by band members to oust their chief who has been struggling to keep the children on the reserve.

But a social service spokesman said the children were taken because their safety was in jeopardy.

Mel Kuprowsky said it's a common practice of his department to "apprehend" children believed to be in an unsafe environment.

He said McCarthy's children were taken back to original foster parents in Grand Centre because the Kehewin band administration was in a state of disarray.

"We had negotiated to keep the children on the reserve, but that went by the wayside because it wasn't a good situation there," he said.

"It's our policy to apprehend children if it appears to be an unsafe situ-

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JEFF MORROW, Windspeaker

Sister Alice McCarthy, Lila McCarthy and common-law husband Vernon Soloway try to alleviate a difficult time by reminiscing about their three children who were taken away by Alberta Social Services workers last Sunday. The couple plan to take the government to court over the issue to find out where their children are.

Indian land put on auction block

By Gary Gee
Windspeaker Staff Writer

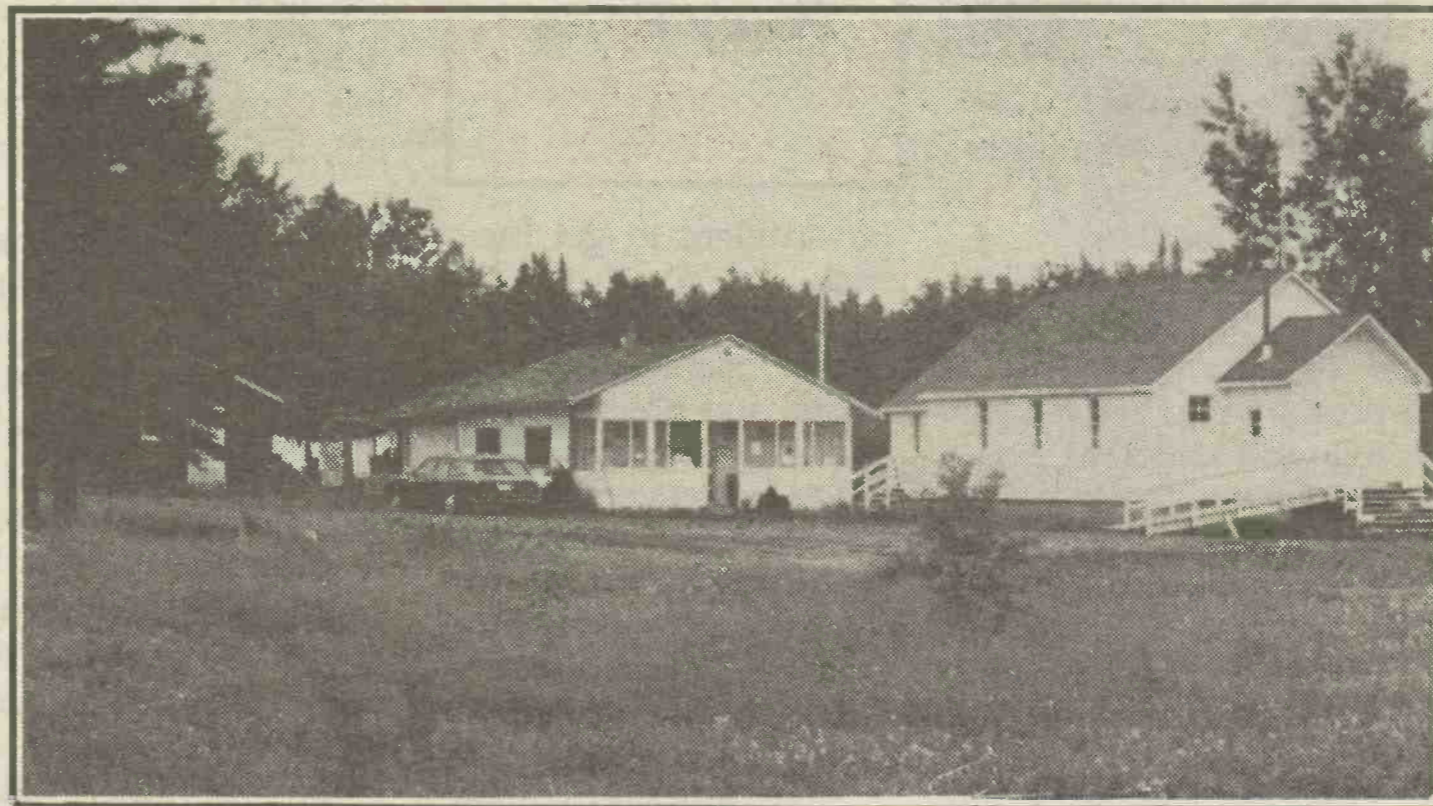
GRANDE CACHE, Alta.

The provincial government has put up for sale the land of four Indian communities near the west-central town of Grande Cache to collect on outstanding property taxes.

On Aug. 11, members of four Native co-operative housing projects on the outskirts of Grande Cache, located 450 km west of Edmonton received notice their land would be put up for auction on Sept. 15.

As of Aug. 23, that was the scenario still facing over 300 members who live in the housing projects.

Residents apparently owe between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in back taxes to



Up for sale: Susa Creek co-operative

the provincial government.

The communities affected by the move include the housing co-operatives of Susa Creek, Muskeg Sepee, Grande Cache Lake Enterprises and Joachim Enterprises. There are six communi-

ties altogether.

Dave MacPhee, a spokesman for the Indian communities, say residents are quite upset over the decision by the province.

"They're very angry," said MacPhee, whose community has applied

for treaty status with the federal government.

MacPhee says just last week, provincial government officials were in the Native communities encouraging people to become involved in economic redevelopment opportunities around

Grande Cache.

"It's all bloody obvious what they're doing," declared MacPhee, who believes the provincial government was trying to interfere in the community's plans to be recognized as treaty Indians.

"First they come in and say: here's some area redevelopment for you and then when we don't say yes or no, they give us tax notices," he said.

Government officials couldn't be reached for comment last week but MacPhee says it would be impossible for members of the communities to raise the \$20,000 needed to pay the debt before the Sept. 15 deadline since most members are on welfare.

In addition, MacPhee

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Blood member denied medical treatment

By John Grainger
Windspeaker Correspondent

STANDOFF - A 20-year-old Blood Reserve man is almost speechless at being refused medical treatment following his arrest Friday by the Pincher Creek RCMP.

Willis Beebe, nursing a jaw broken in two places and speaking quietly through closed teeth, is upset because RCMP did not allow him to see a doctor after they arrested him for public intoxication.

Beebe said he asked RCMP officers on at least two separate occasions if he could set medical attention because of a beating he received earlier in the evening.

"All (the jail guard) said is 'you're going to have to tough it out,'" said Beebe Tuesday after returning home from three days in a Calgary hospital.

"They didn't seem like they wanted to help. They just check on you to see if you're still alive."

After being released in the morning, he went straight to Pincher Creek



Behind bars: Natives wait for justice

Municipal Hospital, 100 km west of Lethbridge, and was immediately transferred to Calgary by ambulance.

Beebe was diagnosed with two breaks in the jaw

forcing doctors to insert a metal plate in each side of his mouth.

His head was also bruised in the beating.

Sometime after being put in jail, he asked a guard

to move him from the drunk tank to a holding cell in order to have a blanket and mattress.

This was granted but Beebe couldn't sleep because his mouth was still bleeding continuously and was in a lot of pain, he said.

At Pincher Creek Hospital, doctors kept Beebe upright to ensure his breathing didn't become blocked.

Beebe's father, Wilbert, is incensed because his son might have lain down when he changed cells.

"He could've died (in the police cell)," said Wilbert.

Pincher Creek Staff Sgt. Syd Perkins said Tuesday RCMP follows a policy outlining steps to be taken with prisoners claiming to be injured or who appear ill.

"It's a judgement call" by the arresting officer, said Perkins Tuesday.

Earlier Friday evening, Beebe said he was attacked by unknown assailants and roughed up - eventually losing consciousness.

"All I remember is getting hit, I guess I was

knocked out for a while. When I came to, he walked to a friend's house and rinsed his mouth with water before walking to hospital.

About a block from hospital, Beebe said RCMP picked him up and "threw me in the back of the car." Even though Beebe

responsible for his son's condition, but is more worried about the lack of concern by RCMP for an injured man.

"I'm worried about the safety of others, too. It could happen again. I think something should be done," said the older Beebe. "(That's) not my concern at the moment. My concern is he didn't get treatment right away."

The Beebes were expecting to speak with their lawyer, Jim Gladstone, late Tuesday to discuss plans for further action.

RCMP are conducting an investigation into the Beebes' allegations.

The Beebes are also planning to contact the Federal Human Rights Commission.

The Rolf Inquiry, looking into strained relations between the Blood Band and police, is taking a three-week break.

Some witnesses have testified white gangs wait for Natives outside bars and offer liquor before beating them, but no specific instances have been named.

*"They didn't seem like they wanted to help. They just check on you to see if you're alive."
— Willis Beebe, nursing a broken jaw.*

acknowledged he had been drinking earlier, he said by the time he was arrested, he was sober.

"If I was that drunk, I wouldn't have been able to talk to them," said Beebe.

Willis' father isn't worried about finding those

System denying Natives - Potts

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

There are no villains or criminals responsible for the abduction of Lila McCarthy's children, admits a social service spokesman for the Indian Association of Alberta.

The system is to blame, however, he says.

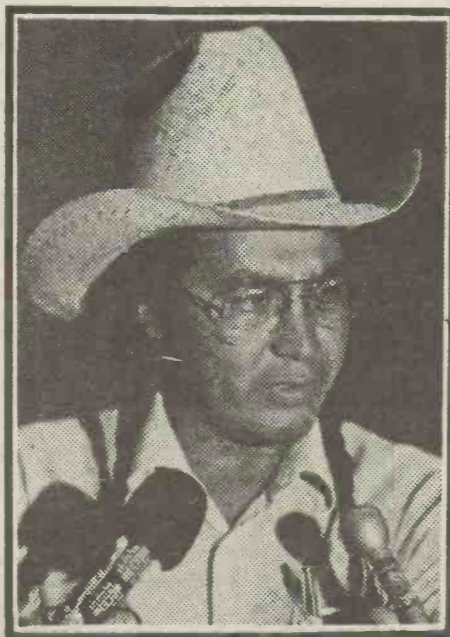
When Percy Potts speaks about the government's social service policies concerning Native people in Alberta there is a sadness in his tone.

He's not disheartened about case workers apprehending the three young Kehewin youths on the reserve because they claim the children were in danger.

Potts is angry that Native people are forced to comply with rules that aren't theirs.

Government policy has always conflicted with the traditional way of life, and Potts believes it will always have devastating effects on Native parents as long as social services continues to exist as it is.

"Until the government changes the system, and until it is made to reflect the needs and wants of our people, Native people will never give in to social serv-



Double Standard: IAA's Percy Potts wants changes

ice laws," he says.

From the time the European settlers came to Indian country, Native people have been made to follow a different set of regulations that have debased their lifeways, and now Native people are treated worse than the rest of society, says Potts.

"It has become a double standard. Look around. There is abuse happening all over, but it's the Indian who is always being punished," he says.

"They treat us like children—like we don't have minds."

Lila McCarthy and Vernon Soloway, whose three children were taken off the Kehewin reserve Friday by social service case workers, have threatened to sue the provincial

"There is abuse happening all over, but it's the Indian who is always being punished." - Percy Potts

government to get them back.

The common-law couple were accused of sexual and physical child abuse by a family court judge in Bonneyville.

Potts says the couple's dilemma shouldn't be viewed with special interest because their situation is one of many that is affecting Native parents.

"They are only two more victims of a system they didn't ask for," he says.

Potts says social services should be discontinued and child welfare should be left up band members.

"Our people will never accept their system. We have our own ways of doing things, our own ways of raising children," he says.

Land up for sale

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says an agreement signed between his group and the government in 1972 when 4,150 acres of land was set aside for the Native communities prevents any sale of the land.

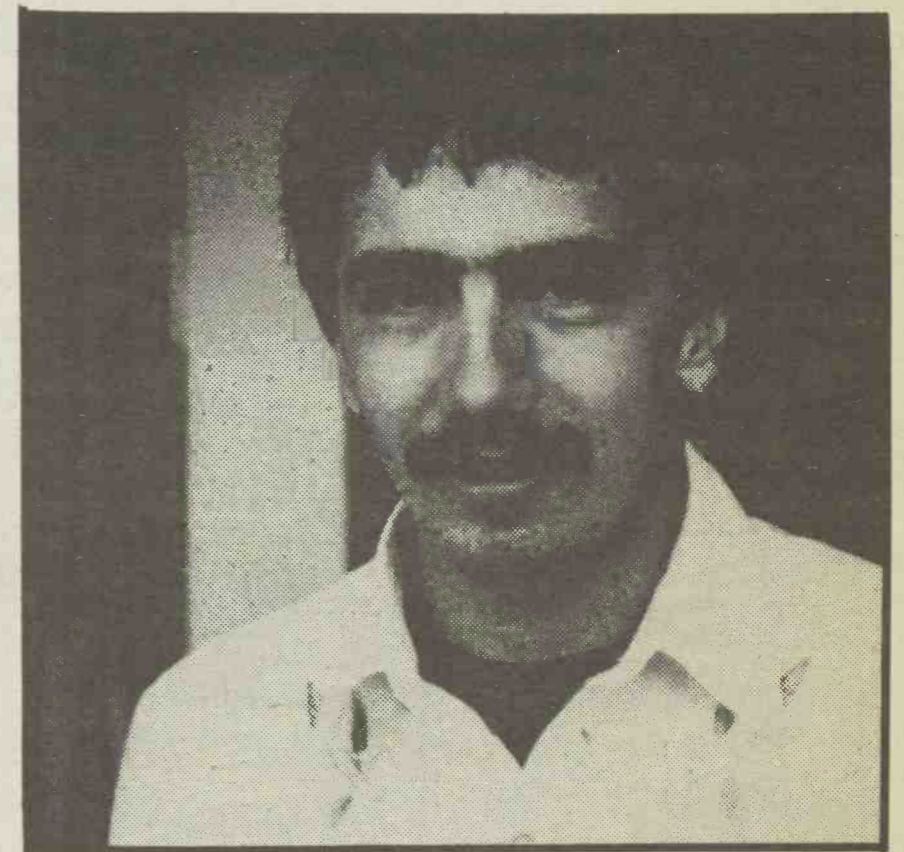
MacPhee says while the province has first option to acquire the lands should the communities want to sell it, the government must hold the land in trust for the Grande Cache people, if the co-operatives ever fail.

"No matter what happens, they must hold the land in lieu. Whether they live up to that is something else," he said.

MacPhee also says in 1972 when the agreement to give land to his people was made, community members did not expect to be taxed, partly because they claim aboriginal title to the land.

Since 1985, Natives in the area have been seeking to be recognized as part of Treaty 8, signed in 1899.

The community believes it was left out of those negotiations and its goal is to gain status as a band and to negotiate a land claim settle-



Staying put: Dave MacPhee of Susa Creek

ment with the federal government.

Their position is backed by a genealogical study indicating that many, if not a majority of the community is Indian, descended from the Iroquois tribe from Eastern Canada which followed fur traders west more than 170 years ago and remained to settle in the area.

Descendants of the Grande Cache communities inhabited the Jasper area before being forced to leave when it was made a national park in 1911.

Many of those who left the park moved to

Grande Cache and apparently, according to survivors, were promised by government officials the right to settle permanently outside the park like other Indians.

MacPhee says residents will move back to Jasper as a last resort.

"We'll take back what was originally ours. That's the feeling of the community. We'll see how far they push and they'll see how hard we push," he warned.

"They're trying to phase us out and become active non-Natives. But that's not our language."

Provincial News

Saddle Lake members hoping for change

By Jeff Morrow
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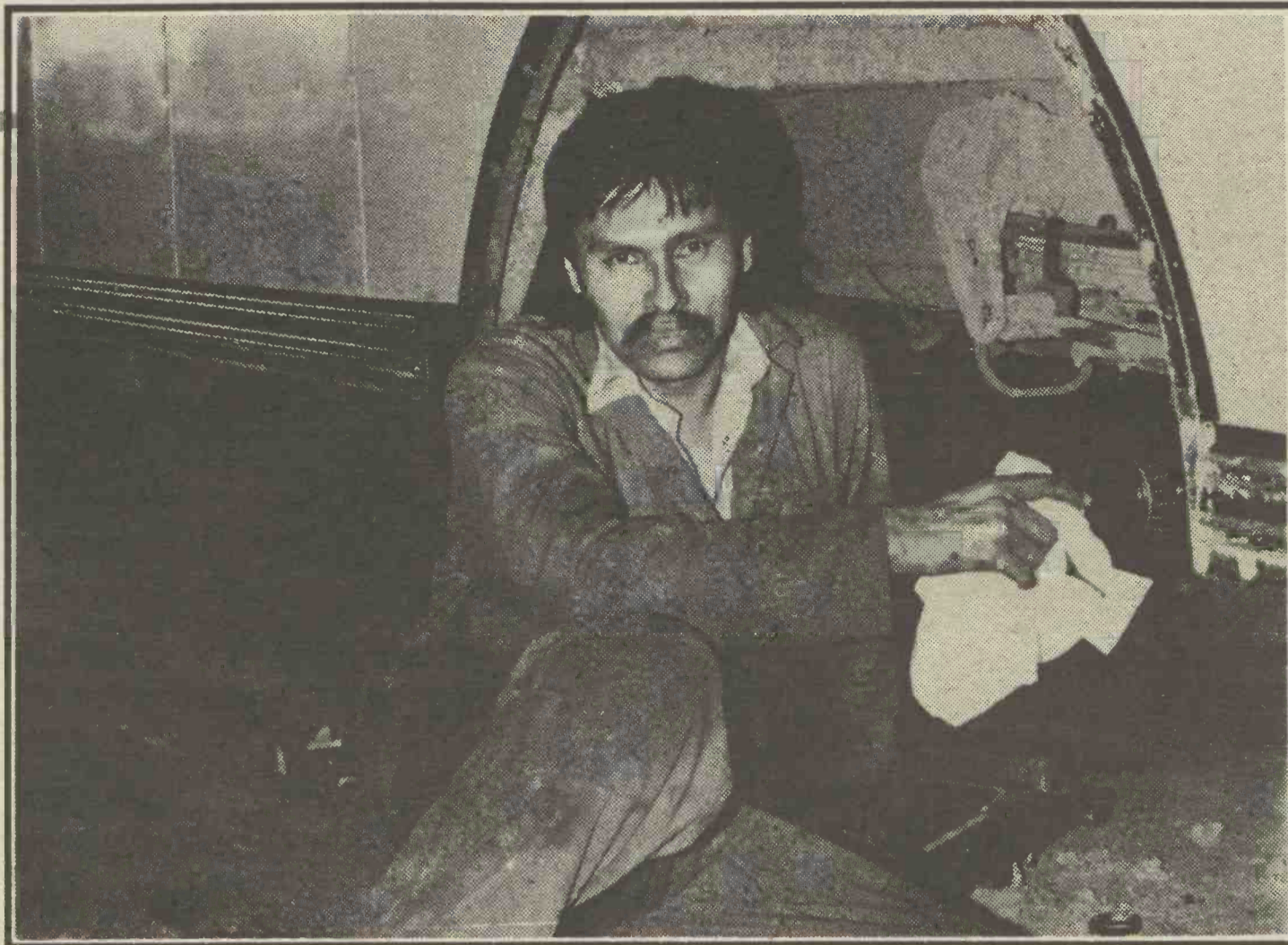
SADDLE LAKE, ALTA.

Saddle Lake residents hope their new leaders will pave the way for change on their northern Alberta reserve.

According to optimistic band members of the Saddle Lake reserve, they could be in store for long-awaited road improvements now that a new administration is in place.

Ben Houle, co-owner of Houle and Cardinal Bus Lines, believes the new chief and council have the potential to boost band moral and complete vital projects that have been put off for more than two years.

One of which, he suggests, is paving the rough and bumpy roads that run throughout the Saddle Lake reserve, located 120 kilometres northeast of Edmonton.



Dissatisfied band member: Bus lines mechanic Dave McGilvery wants reserve roads repaired

"There are a lot of reasons for doing it. It would create employment and it would save money on bus

and car repairs," he says. "It costs more money not to have them paved." Houle says the majority

of band members have been demanding chief and council negotiate with the province to pave the seven

kilometre secondary highway that runs through the reserve.

"For two years we've been waiting for something to happen—and nothing."

He said it would help make driving on the reserve safer and less costly if highway 652 was paved. And then, says Houle, repairs to the rest of the reserve's roads would follow.

A premature election earlier this month resulted in the election of nine new councilman and Chief Carl Quinn.

The election resulted from a band plot to overthrow the leadership.

"We want some things to get done now," declared band member Donald McGilvery.

"Things will start changing around here now if we can get people to back it up."

McGilvery, 49, noted

that band members always questioned the role of the Saddle Lake political body headed by Chief Eugene Steinhauer, but never made their concerns known during band meetings.

He trusts the new chief and council will be more receptive to their complaints.

McGilvery claims the reserve has been stricken with low unemployment and morale since Steinhauer took office.

"It looks promising now," he insists.

Quinn, who's been holding private meetings with his council since being elected chief Aug. 7, wouldn't discuss any new initiatives he has for the reserve, but admitted there will be changes made.

"We're only in the meetings stages now" to see what could be done, he said.

Social Services grabs kids from reserve

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ation and there was enough proof to convince a family court judge of it."

He said he is unaware of the social service department using trickery to take the children from a home.

But McCarthy there was no responsible attempt to notify the foster parents of the apprehension.

"It was a sneaky move. Even the foster parents were left in the dark," she said.

McCarthy's children, Alexis, 7, Billie Joe, 8, and Brenda, 9, have been living with foster parents in northern Alberta since they were taken by social service workers last April because they were believed to have been sexually and physically abused by their natural parents.

After the children were brought back to the reserve to attend their brother's funeral Aug. 10, an agreement was struck to keep the children on the reserve with temporary guardians.

Kehewin Chief Gordon Gadwa and Bonneyville social service case worker Rachel Anthony negotiated for the children to be released to Philip and Caroline Paul.

"But after I filled out the forms (agreeing to take responsibility for the children) the social workers took them and never brought them back," Caroline Paul said.

She said two social workers told her they were going to take the children to A&W for lunch but was

never contacted after that.

"They asked me all kinds of questions. I thought the kids were going to be with me until things could be worked out," she said.

"Gordon trusted us to take care of them."

Gadwa, who successfully thwarted an attempt by band members Tuesday to overthrow his leadership, was infuriated that the social service workers undercut his authority.

"I thought I had everything in place. I thought we had a good working relationship with the so-

"It was a sneaky move. Even the foster parents were left in the dark."

cial services department," he said.

"Our stance has always been to keep the children on the reserve. They were with the Pauls, and the next thing we know, they're gone."

Gadwa fears the government action was in response an attempted leadership overthrow he claims has been resolved.

He said the government may have taken the children because of the "turmoil" currently affecting the band. He said a num-

ber of band members were circulating a petition and holding secret meetings demanding he step down as chief.

"There were about 1000 reasons they wanted me out," he added, "and the social service issue was one of them."

"There was some trouble around here but I'm still chief. I think the government saw the chance to come on the reserve and take the children back when things were in an uproar," he noted.

Gadwa wouldn't elaborate about the accusations, but said the revolt has been quashed and he remains in office.

In a telephone interview from his reserve home, Gadwa recalled setting up arrangements with social service workers demanding they request permission from chief and council before coming on to the reserve.

"And that seemed to be in place" . . . until now, he said.

Three year-old Dallas Soloway, the youngest son of Soloway and McCarthy, was killed Aug. 5 after a car in which he was a passenger was hit from behind on the outskirts of Grand Centre by a half-ton pickup truck. The car was driven by his Grand Centre foster parent Samuel Spicer.

Six other people were injured and charges have been laid against a 31-year-old Cold Lake reserve resident Louis Gradbois.

Expressions



Jeff Morrow, Windspeaker photo

Flirting Angel

She appears coy, but Rose Dumais' mother says it's a different story at home.

The six-year-old Calgary youth stayed at the St. Paul campground during a recent meeting of the Metis Association of Alberta

Provincial News

Grants help Native groups, tabbed 'slush fund'

By Jeanne Lepine
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON:

Six Native organization projects will benefit from the \$24.9 million that was approved by the Community Facility Enhancement Program detailed in a tabled report at the legislature last Thursday.

There were a total of 686 projects approved for funding under the program.

The three-year program, drawing from a \$100 million pot of provincial lottery funding was announced last October by Premier Don Getty and Ken Kowalski, administrator of the grants.

MLA Mike Cardinal is pleased that his ridings will receive the highest amount of dollars awarded at \$811,784.

One of 22 projects that will share in the grants within the Athabasca-Lac La Biche constituency is the Imperial Mills Metis Association, which will receive \$4,800.

"There is a definite need by the communities in my constituency. It seems that they were left behind when it comes to programs,"

Cardinal said.

He recognizes the needs in the Native communities are much greater due to their geological location.

These communities have to rely on job creation and career development programs until they become more established, he said.

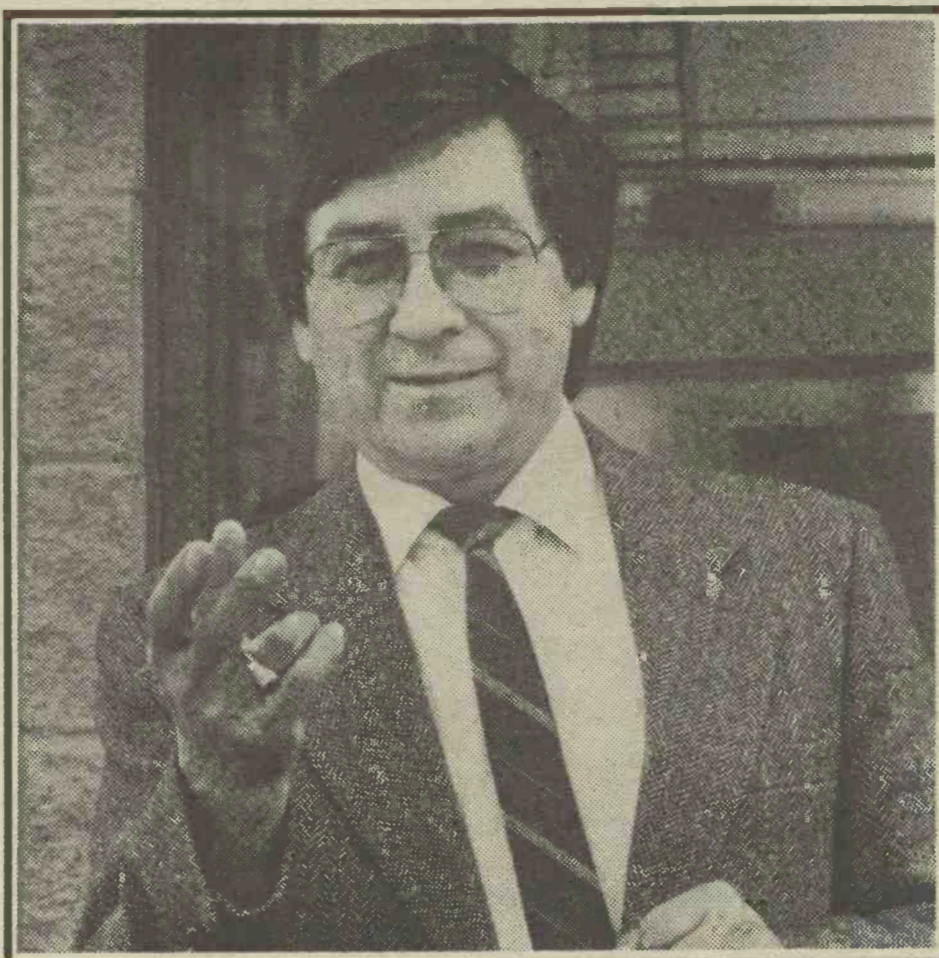
Cardinal sees himself as an effective candidate, which allows Native people better access to cabinet.

In MLA Pearl Calahasen's riding of Lesser Slave Lake, three projects were approved for grants totalling \$202,532. The Grouard Indian band will receive \$20,000. of that total.

In the Bonnyville area, the Elizabeth Metis Settlement Association will receive \$30,000.

In the Fort McMurray region a total of \$121,800. was awarded to four projects. Two of the projects to benefit are the Janvier Indian band, who will receive \$40,000. while the Fort McMurray band will receive \$75,000.

The government grant program metes out more grants to Conservative ridings, charged Opposition



MLA Mike Cardinal.

Leader Ray Martin who referred to it as a Tory slush fund last week.

Only two of the 24 ridings held by opposition

MLA's received more than 10 grants.

Meanwhile, Kowalski's riding of Barrhead received 30 grants totalling

\$727,021. Based on population of 14,426, the per capita is \$50.40.

The Athabasca-Lac La Biche constituency received a per capita of \$58.26 based on a population of 13,933. The lowest per capita received was by the Edmonton Gold Bar riding.

The average number of approvals per constituency is approximately eight, in contrast to Don Getty's Stettler riding which received 26 approvals.

When the program was unveiled it was publicly declared that all MLA's will play a community liaison role in the implementation of the program.

This is not the case, according to Liberal MLA Percy Wickman, who challenged Kowalski saying non-government MLA's have been excluded from

the program.

Martin would like to see a fair distribution of grants.

"The reason that Barrhead got the most grants is that Kowalski administers the funds. Kowalski wants to stay in the good with the Premier that's the reason Stettler got the second highest amount of grants," he said.

"This is an unacceptable way to do business. Having the government not being accountable to the legislature.

"Kowalski is a sort of godfather of the government, handing out money where he pleases," said Martin.

Martin's riding of Edmonton-Norwood received four grants worth \$228,500 while Liberal Leader Lawrence Decore's riding received four grants totalling \$71,000.

Gas spill keeps residents on edge

By Jeanne Lepine
Windspeaker Staff Writer

WANDERING RIVER, ALTA.

A gasoline spill on Highway 63 is keeping local residents near the village of Wandering River on edge.

Lac La Biche RCMP confirmed that on Aug. 16 at approximately 4:15 p.m. a Trimac Transportation tanker truck with a pup-trailer travelling southbound on Highway 63, overturned into a ditch,

spilling 43,000 litres of gasoline.

The accident occurred about 15 km from the village.

"There was concern that fuel may have run into the nearby river, but the spill was contained at the accident scene," said Alberta Environment spokesman Kate Thompson this week.

"We don't anticipate any real damage," she said.

"Everyone is concerned, when something like this happens. It's one of the hazards of living on the highway," says Gord Taylor, co-owner of the Esso station

and restaurant in Wandering River.

Shortly after the accident, Alberta Forestry workers constructed dykes to contain the gasoline. The actual recovery process beginning the following day, reported Taylor.

Howard Johnson, owner of the land where the spill occurred, expressed some concern but is satisfied with the cleanup job so far.

"With the cleanup completed, it is now up to the Environmental people to determine if there is any reason for concern," said

an RCMP spokesman, who wished to be unidentified.

In June, another Trimac truck was involved in a fuel spill, when a fuel truck overturned spilling about 21,000 liters of diesel on Highway 38 near Redwater.

The cleanup costs in that accident was estimated at \$100,000. and there was an estimated 1,000 litres ended up in the North Saskatchewan River.

Environment Minister Ralph Kline, could not be reached for comment concerning the results of both spills.

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New counselling service helps Native families

By Jeanne Lepine
Windspeaker Staff Writer
EDMONTON

A counselling service geared to help Native families has been established in the city.

The objective of the service called 'Free Spirit Counselling' is to strengthen family relations by providing counselling and practical help to parents in their own homes.

Free Spirit Counselling was created by two Native social workers, Brenda Thomas and Judy Lecompte, who both see a real need within Native families to strengthen communication between members.

The Free Spirit Counselling service started in June after eight months of planning.

The medical services branch of Health and Welfare Canada funds the program, thus making the service available to clients at no extra cost.

Although it has been approved by that department, it has yet to be approved by Alberta Social Services who refuse to recognize the service until it has established itself.

The counselling service runs on the belief that the family is the most impor-



Helping Native families: Judy Lecompte and Brenda Thomas

tant resource in our society and that providing for a family is not always easy and sometimes information and support or the need to talk about family problems is needed.

Thomas and Lecompte completed the two-year social worker course offered by Grant McEwan College in May, 1988. Both social workers, however, decided they didn't want to work in a system which was always working against the interest of Native people.

Thomas, a member of the Sawridge band, who lost her treaty status when she married a non-Native, has been reinstated re-

cently when her treaty rights were recognized again through Bill C-31. Lecompte is a Mohawk Indian and belongs to the Six Nations band.

Taking their field practicum with the child care service gave both the opportunity to see first-hand how their own people were treated.

"The structure of the social service system has the social worker working against the client, rather than with the client," Lecompte says.

"Most clients are intimidated by social workers and usually have to put a front by lying or holding back information. This is

usually done unintentionally. It is a mechanical reflex," she noted.

Being Native, says Thomas, made them more aware that social workers should not be judgmental of Native clients, which they believe has been the case in many instances.

The two find that almost all Native people on social assistance or have dealt with the child welfare system have poor self-esteem.

They noted that native families that lacked self-esteem found it very difficult to ask for help for fear of being intimidated.

Because of that, they decided to offer a counselling service that would

work with the family and extended family as a unit in their own homes.

The past history of Native children who were placed in residential boarding schools has created a whole generation of people who lack parenting skills, according to both workers.

While in boarding schools, Native children did not receive the nurturing they required or given the responsibility that would have come naturally in the family unit.

Thomas and Lecompte would like to see more Native people get into the social work field.

"Who else but Native people themselves could identify the needs of Native people. With training Native people, and their experiences, have the ability in becoming the most effective social workers to work with our people," Lecompte said.

The Free Spirit Counselling is a confidential family support service for status families with Lecompte serving Edmonton. Thomas works with status families on the reserves through Yellowhead Tribal Council.

Since being in service, both Thomas and Lecompte have received favorable response. They found most clients hunger for help and the chance to relate to their own.

Knowing that their service will need to expand in

the near future they will be looking at hiring Native social workers. "Our people working with our people," Lecompte said.

Because services are provided at no cost as a benefit from the Medical Services branch of Health and Welfare Canada, a written referral from a doctor is required.

Thomas and Lecompte are interested in preventative work, before the intervention of child services in apprehending native children.

Working with clients they set up individual programs depending on need, providing information and counselling on budgeting skills, parenting skills, homemaking and shopping skills, health and nutrition, child development, problem-solving, child welfare problems and children's safety.

They also provide counselling and support for families with schoolchildren who have attendance and social problems.

In addition, they provide resource help through health units, housing agencies and transportation services.

They also make referrals to appropriate agencies for education upgrading, vocational training, drug and alcohol programs, family violence, sexual abuse, and suicide prevention.

For more information call 428-8829.

Hobbema 'shocked' by sudden death

By Everett Lambert
Windspeaker Correspondent

Almost two months after being stabbed, a Samson band member has died and another 19 year-old man from the reserve has been charged with second-degree murder.

Wetaskiwin RCMP say David Daniel Omeasoo, 41, died in the University Hospital on Saturday, Aug. 19.

Omeasoo had been stabbed in a fight at a house on the Samson reserve, lo-

cated 90 km south of Edmonton.

He lived approximately one-and-a-half months before dying.

Omeasoo is the son of former Samson band chief Jim Omeasoo, who served as chief up until this summer.

Wetaskiwin RCMP Corporal Peter Calvert says Gary Dean Yellowbird has been charged with second degree murder since Omeasoo passed away.

Yellowbird was in custody at the Edmonton Remand Centre, held in connection with the original charge of aggravated assault, which he received after stabbing Omeasoo in July.

The charge was stepped up to second-degree murder after the weekend death. Second degree murder carries with it a penalty of ten to 25 years, with no parole opportunity before ten years.

Calvert said no further details could be released since the case is presently before the courts.

In the last year, Calvert says there have been seven murders in the Hobbema area with six more fatalities and an estimated four to five suicides.

He attributes the reduction in violent deaths to preventative measures being taken by the four Hobbema bands.

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Public Notice

"Open House" & "Public Meeting" Christina Lake Management Plan

An Open House will be held to review the "Christina Lake Management Plan Alternatives Document".

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 1989

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Place: Conklin School Gynasium
Conklin, Alberta

Public input regarding the various alternatives is welcome.

For more information and copies of the document, contact Alberta Municipal Affairs - Improvement District No. 18 North in Fort McMurray (743-7192); or Alberta Forest Service in Lac La Biche (623-5240).

Job Opportunity

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

Duties: Applications are currently being accepted for the position of Kindergarten Teacher for the Sturgeon Lake Kindergarten, located at Sturgeon Lake, Alberta, Canada.

Qualifications: Applicants must possess a Valid Alberta Teacher's Certificate, as well as an E.C.S. Diploma. Also, an ability to speak Cree and Working knowledge of Native Children/People would be an asset, but not a requirement. Valid Class 5 Driver's Licence, able to provide own Transportation. Good Physical and Mental Health.

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Editorial Viewpoint



Native children victims of system

There is a desperate battle going on in this great country of ours today.

The participants can be easily viewed as David and Goliath.

David is any Native parent who must fight the bureaucratic insensitivity of a child welfare system which literally has a grip on the kind of life a Native child will lead, if for some reason, there is a need to review the conduct of his guardians or parents.

The sad fact of the matter is that if you are Native and impoverished (for many, the two go hand-in-hand), the chances of escaping from

the bureaucratic maze of this system is very minute.

In the 1950s, Native children were sent down from Northern communities to be treated for a tuberculosis epidemic that decimated their communities.

Unfortunately, for many, particularly young children separated from their natural parents, they were never sent home. Almost 40 years later, the first co-ordinated government effort to examine why this occurred recently got under way.

The wheels of justice work slowly.

For decades, Native

children were forced out of their own communities into residential schools where non-Native teachers force-fed the doctrinaire teachings of a foreign culture and taught Natives to abandon their own heritage and ultimately to reject themselves.

For Native people, that has been a heavy cross to bear and probably too high a price to pay.

But for many, because of the simple fact of their skin color, Native people have been forced to comply with the laws and values of a society which they don't understand or respect.

In child welfare cases, the benefit of the doubt does not rest on the assumption that Native parents can be good parents to their children.

It rests on a bias that a Native child cannot be given a stable enough home environment to grow and mature into a productive member of society.

It's with this kind of mentality where it's no wonder that Native parents are fighting desperately to hang on to their children.

For some, it's all they have.

The alternative is to allow their children to be taken away, shuffled

through foster home after foster home and bear the scars into adulthood of a time where separation, anxiety and pain is all that can be remembered of a lost childhood.

Clearly, non-Native society must begin to recognize that it's time to allow Native people the right to make their own choices about their own children, and to provide the support network that gives them that opportunity.

For many Native parents, there's nowhere to turn but to fight.

To hang on to what is rightfully theirs.

Native inmate decries spiritual chains

Dear Editor:

Tansi,
I read a few articles from WINDSPEAKER regarding Native and Metis inmates in Alberta institutions wanting to get involved or gain Native spirituality or culture.

I wish to write this letter on my behalf and other Native, Metis and non-Native inmates who share the situations the institutions put us in.

I am a 21-year-old Native and have been serving time over the past few years, in and

out of institutions across Alberta.

I am the youngest of three brothers and five sisters, my father was deceased before I was born, and my mother died when I was nine.

I never got a chance to know her because I only lived with her for one year before she passed away.

I can vaguely recall my grandfather and grandmother from foster home to foster home at a very young age, being away from my reserve

and family I never got a chance to know or talk the Indian way.

While incarcerated I have been attending Native Brotherhood Society. This is the closest I've ever been to knowing what our Native culture is and understanding what it is all about.

In regards to this letter I cannot use the Native Brotherhood Society or institution as references.

Because of certain jurisdictions surrounding the institute, the administration sees to it

that only limited activities take place so that we Natives may not be able to put or jeopardize the administration and institute.

The administration refused us a proposal, limiting our surrounding areas of fund-raising. Because of this we have restricted programs and now there are less Natives interested in attending meetings and gatherings.

I, myself, would like to know all about the Indian way of life and the culture our ancestors.

But how can I and my

Native brothers seek our roots and learn about our culture when the administration puts up restrictions (without permitting) the use of support and resources from concerned Native communities.

I would like to conclude that the more further we are without proper communication and the lack of co-operation from the institute and administration the more farther away they are from understanding the way of the Native.

James P. Cardinal

A Regional Profile

Letters to the Editor

Decision on land deal falls on Metis people

Dear Editor:

Being poor and having nothing is a way of life for many Metis. Material possession was never an important aspect of Metis culture. Indeed, it was regarded as socially immoral to acquire material possessions at the expense of your Metis brothers, sisters and neighbors.

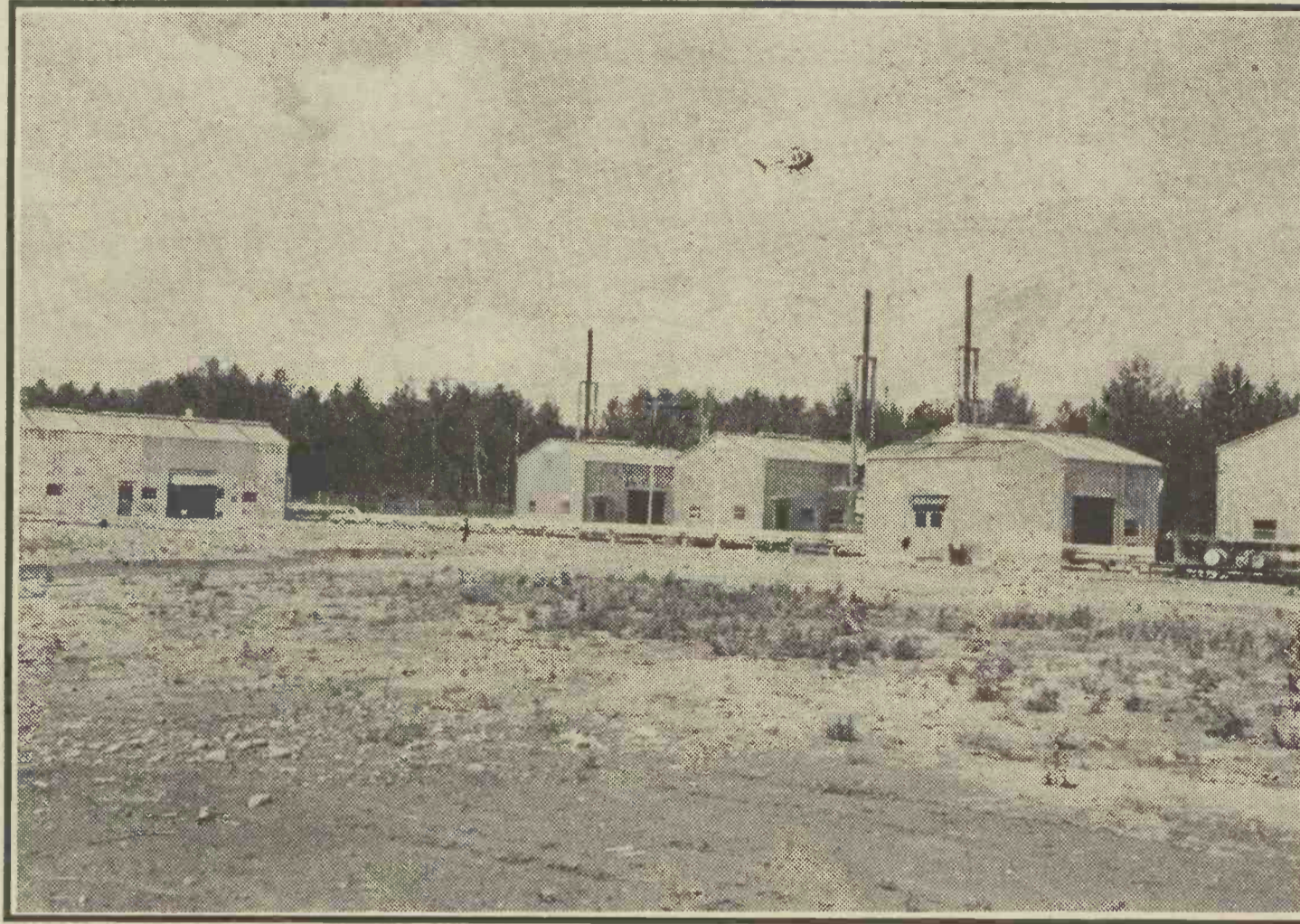
Today, if a Metis person follows the steps of their forefathers, he must be very sure of himself.

He has to understand on a deep conscious level that his life is no better nor worse than the white man's.

He must know that true happiness does not require that he possess a compact disc.

But to block out the white man's influence and pressures demands inner strength and a strong sense of self-awareness and a recognition of what it means to be Metis.

Unfortunately, many Metis only see what the white man has and what he does not have. This discrepancy becomes the forefront of all actions and thoughts, resulting in tunnel vision. This leads one to focus more and more on



A community waiting for change: Paddle Prairies Metis settlement

his predicament relative to others.

The Metis Nation is a relatively new people in the history of cultures on earth. It has not had much time to develop social mechanisms which can counteract these issues.

There are three general approaches for the future of Metis people.

The first involved the

re-establishment of traditional principles. This means starting with the educational system. It requires the reinforcement among our children that true happiness is achieved by being in harmony with nature and self.

An entrenchment of values consistent with holistic living and furthering the equal partnership

with nature that Metis people represent and pride themselves upon.

Elders must get involved. The whole community must become visionaries.

LAND is absolutely vital in this process.

The other approach is to recognize that the forces of the white man's culture is powerful, that the influ-

ences of material possessions of white man's culture will always work against the Metis.

That the Metis must come to grips with this reality is evident.

Recognizing this, the task shifts to finding a way to close the gap.

The Metis people must improve economic development, establish and further social and educational programs and acquire greater self-government.

Land is absolutely vital in this process.

The third approach is a combination of both approaches. It involves finding a way of having both approaches co-exist together in harmony with each other.

Regardless of which approach the Metis people of Alberta's Metis settlements regard as the right way, they must not lose sight of the fact that the decision is one that falls on the Metis people themselves.

The decision cannot be made by the Alberta government, nor can it be forced upon us. But that is exactly what is happening with Bill 65 if it becomes law.

But, as the proposed bill stands now, none of the above land rights will pass to the Metis. The government of Alberta will continue to own them. Is this what we call protecting the land rights of the Metis?

Furthermore, if the proposed Bill becomes a part of the Constitution of Canada, as is the plan, it will seriously undermine not only the rights of Metis people, but all aboriginal people.

Because the bill is so specific regarding the rights of Metis with respect to land, it will have an influence on how section 35 of the Constitution will be interpreted.

As you recall, section 35 affirms the aboriginal rights of Native people. Directly or indirectly, Bill 65 may permanently restrict the aboriginal rights of all of Canada's Native population.

To say that the proposals will provide the Metis with greater control over our lands is an illusion - and a dangerous illusion at that.

Larry Chartrand
Willowdale, Ontario.

Reader urges Native people to adopt 'pure living'

Dear Editor:

I hear many times the words "returning to our heritage, our culture, our ancestors lived a pure, good life".

This is true of many cultures on earth who upon becoming "civilized", adopted man-made ways of feeding and sheltering themselves.

The change in nutrition has been the common denominator since recorded history in the de-

generation of human beings. Nutrition is now recognized as a cause of many physical and mental illnesses.

Eating of cooked, chemicalized, de-natured, processed dead foods is the beginning of straying from the Great Spirit's purpose for us.

Experiments have shown and doubtless proof is here to teach us that eating from the table of Mother Earth as she prepares it is the healthiest

way to eat.

No other animal cooks its food or devitalizes it as much as modern man.

Indians of old had great strength and vitality. It was common for a brave to outrun a deer. Geronimo took 40 to 50 bullets throughout his warrior years. It was not uncommon for an elderly person of 70 to run 30 or 40 miles in a day.

Pure living with each generation builds stronger bodies and the opposite is

also true. The worst wrong done by white missionaries, worse than the teaching of dogma as the way, the truth and the everything, was their teaching of their bad living and eating habits.

Bannock is not Native, stew is not Native. How could Natives make stew without a metal pot?

The key to knowing the teachings and the power and using them for your brothers is in the way we treat our body. This body

has the gift of life in it. This life energy when strong from good eating and living will communicate with the Great Spirit in mystical, seeming miraculous, physical ways. Amazing things have been done by people connected in this way.

The body is the temple of the spirit and the spirit the temple of the Great Spirit. We do not put new wine into degenerating bottles but new wine into new bottles.

We must cleanse ourselves first by fasting, sweats and eating food from the table of Mother Earth as she serves it, not cooked with no life energy.

Native teachings know and tell of ways to cleanse the body. Prayer is not everything. We must act physically by doing what we can now. Right nutrition builds a strong will.

Alcohol deteriorates the organ associated to the

will. Live foods will lessen the withdrawal from alcohol and make it easier as the will strengthens through high nutrition.

These are not just nice words. This has been proven by countless experiments. I have seen what isolated communities, as are many Native communities, eat when they become "civilized". Canned foods, processed foods, pop, chips and old devitalized vegetables and fruits, if any. Lots of white flour and white sugar. It's time for the Native community to react to the malnourished conditions they are living and start planting seeds that will heal and return them and white onlookers to the culture and heritage, and strength of their ancestors.

May your carrots grow to be big and healthy.

Martin LaVoie
Peace River

Native youth need encouragement for inspiration

Dear Editor:

As a long-time subscriber to your weekly paper, first of all, I would like to extend my congratulations to the staff at WINDSPEAKER for their dedication and perseverance in keeping the public informed with all the latest happenings going on in Indian country.

I would like to make a suggestion since I feel our Native youth need encouragement and must be recognized for their achievements, no matter how small it is.

I would like to see your newspaper encourage the Native communities to submit a picture and brief achievement summary of the accomplishments of Native youth in their respective communities and publish those in your paper.

I have worked with youth for a number of years on my own time and I am getting the feeling that with all the barriers facing them in today's world, they are finding it harder to cope with life's everyday problems.

They need to be told that

they are a very important, beautiful part of society in spite of the mistakes they make, which is an important part of growing up.

They are loved, they are needed.

We as parents cannot live without them, believe it or not. Even if they've flown the nest, we still need the reassurance of their love and respect for life.

I am aware of some of these beautiful people who are making a difference in their own lives as well as others around them, and feel it is important to bring out these accomplish-

ments.

It would not only boost up their self-confidence, but would also inspire others to go out and challenge barriers and be recognized for it.

This is something that I feel will make a difference, even if it inspires one young person out there, then we have achieved something.

This is merely a suggestion and I would like some feedback on how others feel.

Thank you.
Yours in friendship,
Melanie Desjardin

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GRASSROOTS

Rocky's back, adapting to new technology

HI!
Thank you very much Jeanne Lepine for the kind introduction in last weeks edition.

You're a doll!
Now, can I borrow five dollars, best friend? I need the money to get my four ugly dogs out of hock.

It's great to be back doing what I do best. Nothing.

Just to let you know where I've been over the last year, I am attending the Columbia Broadcasting Academy. I'll finish probably in late September. That is, providing I don't fall behind in my studies.

I figure if I can't make it as a writer (no comments out there) then maybe I can talk my way through life.

Hey! Notice the picture of me?

I go away for a while and they turn everything around here at the offices.

Where's my typewriter, Bert? The only apple I've ever dealt with are the ones you buy at the corner grocery store.

Now instead of white out, I simply delete? Why didn't yeah tell me? It's going to take days to clean this screen.

Listen to this. I just have to share this with you.

I was reading Dear Abby the other day. Don't laugh. I watch soaps also. As a starving student with two hungry boys, four gluttonous dogs and usually out of freelance work...hint, hint, what else to do but watch soaps and read Dear Abby.

Anyway, a lady wrote to Windspeaker.

"My husband is a fine man and an excellent provider, but he has some odd ideas. For example, when we go out for an evening,

he orders vodka with eight olives. Then one by one he puts them in his nose and sniffs out the juice. He claims it clears his sinuses."

The lady then asked Abby if her husband should see a psychiatrist.

Here's Abby's reply.
"Yes, but he should find one that drinks martini's with a twist of lemon so they won't fight over the olives!"

What's this world coming to? I once knew a guy

with a doll she calls the "Granny Doll."

Bertha says the doll was made to remind people to care and respect the Elders.

Great idea Bertha. Bertha won a \$1,000 prize.

So how does it feel Bertha? I mean to be a champion in the city of champions.

Calgary native Lavina Many Guns won \$500 and second place with her

HOBBEAMA: How are you doing Vern Spence.

Vern use to manage the Panee Agriplex rodeo grounds but now he told me he is spending more time with his family. It was something Vern wanted to do for a long time.

"You know Rocky. I quit drinking about 15 years ago. But then all I ever did was work. I remember my boy was only four-years-old when I quit drinking and now he's 19. So family

nouncer hollers, "It's your turn!"

FORT SMITH: Happy birthday to you

Happy birthday to you.

Happy birthday dear Edward from Ft. Chipewyan but who now resides in Ft. Smmmith. Happy birthday to you.

Try singing that while you're chewing snuff and smoking at the same time.

On Aug. 9, Edward Flett

Now let me get this straight.

Jennie's in Ft. Chip. and Edward's in Ft. Smith?

Okay Edward. Where have you got those nurses hidden. Come on Edward, I know you birthday babies.

HIGH PRAIRIE: More congratulations!

Fred Auger will tie the noose...I mean tie the knot this Saturday at High Prairie Catholic Church.

His bride to be is the lovely Sophie Cardinal from Demarais.

Fred is originally from the Metis Settlement of East Prairie and is the leader of the band, Misty Country.

Droppin' In wishes for the both of you flowers, sweet wine and lots of love in the life you will now be sharing together. Forever and ever and ever...

DROPPIN IN: For any Native people living in the west end of Edmonton, keep in mind that hockey registration will soon take place.

As a matter of fact the Knights of Columbus Annunciation organization will be holding their registration on September 12-13 between 7 and 9 p.m. each evening.

The address is 9420-163 Street at the Annunciation Parish.

For further information call; Parish Manager, Brian Toker, 489-3248 or Assistant Parish Manager John Colombina at 447-4279.

Hockey...come on parents. Get your children involved.

Well that's about all for this week. Remember me. Write me or phone me, buy me...a meal, anything but send me your tidbits.

Have a safe weekend!

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BERT CROWFOOT: Windspeaker

who smoked and chewed snuff all at the same time. When he talked, I had to keep ducking. I think I'll tell him to write Abby.

It's great to be back. Now, on with the communities.

EDMONTON: Congratulations BERTHA BIRD on your first place win in the August 10th Alberta Native Handcrafted Doll Competition.

Bertha won the Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Society sponsored compe-

"Chief Doll" carved from wood.

Special recognition and purchase awards were also given to the following producers: Flora Grandjambe, Fort McKay; Mabel Grey, Atikameg; Hazel Yakinneah, Fox Lake; Nancy Bailey, Edmonton; Ester Van Patten, High Level; Sarah Burnstick and Steve Burnstick, Mornville and Emily Sewepagaham of Edmonton. Congratulations.

life is important to me," Vern commented.

By the way Vern. Thanks for the great company at the A.A. Roundup last August 20.

For all you rodeo buffs, on September 2-3 the North American Indian Rodeo Classic will be held at the Panee Agriplex in Hobbema, so grab a knife and clean off all that cow dung off your cowboy boots.

Otherwise your spurs may not fit when the rodeo an-

celebrated his 88th birthday at the Health Centre in Ft. Smith.

Okay Edward. You can tell me. Where's that bottle of birthday booze. Come on Edward, I know you birthday babies...so where is it?

Edward's wife is currently back home in Ft. Chipewyan. Jennie is 86 years old. They are the proud parents of seven children, and have many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Indian Country

Community Events

COMPOUND PICNIC DAYS, Aug. 25 - 27, (Grouard Rehabilitation Centre) at Hillard Bay. Walleye Classic Fish Derby, Aug. 25 & 26, Prizes totalling \$50,000; Shaw's Point; Air Show & Fireworks Aug. 26

KEHIWIN INTERCULTURAL DAYS, Aug. 25, 26 & 27, Hand Game Tournament, 16 Team All Native Men's Fastball Tournament and Rodeo; for more info. call Harold Watchmaker or Percy Moosepayo (403)826-3333.

BOB KOOTENAY MEMORIAL GOLF, Aug. 26 & 27, Jr. Golf Course; St. Albert, Alberta; for more

info. call (403)939-5887.
LAST DITCH FLEA MARKET, Aug. 26, Slave Lake Friendship Centre.

INDIAN SUMMER FESTIVAL, Aug. 27, Strathcona Archaeological Centre, Edmonton; for more info. call Wendy Lefsrud at 431-2368.

BUFFALO RANCH RODEO, Aug. 30 & 31, Hobbema; for more info. call Todd Buffalo at 585-3025.

6TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY CLASSIC BALL TOURNAMENT, Sept. 1-3, Goodfish Lake, 8 ladies softball teams, 24 mixed slowpitch teams; for more info. call Goodfish Lake

Recreation at (403)636-3622.

SECOND ANNUAL CLEARWATER JAMBOREE, Sept. 1, 2, & 3; Buffalo Narrows Sask., \$5,000 Co-Ed Slowpitch Tournament, Beer Gardens on Saturday & Sunday; \$10,000 Bingo at Buffalo Narrows Lakeview Complex. Outdoor stage, for more info. call Donald Morin or Kevin Giles at 235-4070 or 235-4225.

9th ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN CLASSIC RODEO, Sept. 1, 2, 3 & 4; Panee Memorial Agriplex, Hobbema; for more info call (403) 585-3770.

NATIONAL FILM BOARD, Special Screenings of Aboriginal Films, beginning Sept. 6, every Wednesday at noon, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; N.F.B. Theatre, 120 Canada Place, 9700 Jasper Ave-

nue, Edmonton.

UNITED TRIBES INTERNATIONAL POWWOW, Sept. 7 - 10, Bismarck, North Dakota; United Tribes Indian Art Expo, National Miss Indian America Padgent; Contact Jess Clairmont or Letitia Stewart (701) 255-3285 Ext. 217.

COLD LAKE FIRST NATIONS SPORTS DAY, Sept. 8 - 10, men's fastball (12 teams only), ladies fastball (8 teams or more), prize money depending on entries, pony, chariot and chuckwagon racing, dance Saturday night; for more info. contact Fred Scanie (594-3112), John Janvier (639-2456) or Randy Metchewais (594-7183).

1989 N.I.A.A. SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Sept. 15 - 17, Albuquerque, New Mexico; contact Pete Homer at (505)275-7484.

FRIENDSHIP BINGOS, every Tuesday and beginning Sept. 16, every Saturday, High Level Friendship Centre; proceeds to go towards equipment for the centre.

INDIAN SUMMER WORLD FESTIVAL OF ABORIGINAL MOTION PICTURES, Sept. 20 - 24 1989; Pincher Creek, Ab; For more info. call (403) 627-4813.

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CLOSE TO HOME

Students get 'taste' of university life

EDMONTON

Incoming and prospective Native students were given a full week of orientation at the University of Alberta last week.

The week-long orientation, from August 13 to 18, was organized by Native Student Services (NSS) and the Faculty of Extension at the U of A.

Native Adult Summer University '89 (NASU) is aimed at giving the participants a taste of student life, and familiarizing them with the university campus and the city of Edmonton.

As part of the intensive NASU orientation, special guest speakers were



(L-R) Norm Sharpe, Yvonne Dion Buffalo NASU organizer and a student.

brought in from the Native and non-Native community.

The guest speakers in-

cluded Metis elder Maurice L'Hirondelle, Ron Skrimshaw from Nova Corporation, Norm Sharpe

from Alberta's Municipal Affairs department, education adviser Doreen Richardson, of the Metis

Association of Alberta, Roy and Chester Cunningham of Native Counselling Services of Alberta and Roy Louis, president of the Indian Association of Alberta.

The students were given non-credit mini-courses in a wide range of study areas including Native art, archeology, mining, metallurgical and petroleum engineering, sociology, English and computing science.

Participants like Earl Laboucane and Leonard Nahachick of Atikameg and Terry Calliou from High Prairie travelled long distances to attend the seminar.

The 11 students in at-

tendance were interested in various fields of study from Native studies, to fine arts and medical anthropology.

Most of the organizing of this year's orientation fell on the shoulders of Shawna Cunningham and Yvonne Dion Buffalo of Native Student Services.

"I feel this program should expand and grow," said Dion Buffalo, who wants NASU amalgamated with the university's transitional year program which prepares students for university study for one year. Seven out of 11 participants this year are enrolled in that program.

Aboriginal council help students face challenges

EDMONTON

Life's battles don't always go to the stronger or faster man:

But soon or late the man who wins is the man who thinks he can.

That inspirational poem is one which greets Native students who walk through the offices of the University of Alberta's Aboriginal Students Council.

It's a philosophy which the council hopes will help encourage the more than 150 Natives students who attend the U of A.

The council was established to act as a support group for Native students and to encourage students to continue within the often stressful but challenging environment of post-secondary institutions like the U of A.

For Judy Daniels, a former council member, the group gave her a sense of belonging.

"I felt really alienated from the students because I didn't know anyone," recalls Daniels while speaking to a group of prospective and incoming students at the U of A as part of Native Adult Summer University '89, offered by the university's Native student services and faculty extension program.

The 27-year-old social work graduate remembers the intimidating, impersonal atmosphere at the University of Calgary with its huge classes, often as many as 400 students in one psychology class.

"I felt like I didn't belong," she recalled.

But Daniel's says she can thank the U of C's

Native student club, which finally made her "feel at home" there and finally changed her university experience.

Daniels is one of the approximately 77 members of the council, which is gearing up for the fall session, only two weeks away.

Two years ago, members decided to change its name from Native Student Club to the Aboriginal Students Council.

Members felt that the word, "aboriginal", is more encompassing since it reflects the three aboriginal groups in Canada; the Indian, Inuit and Metis, explained Daniels.

In addition to acting as a support group, the ASC also provides a forum for political issues or opinions.

Each spring, the ASC holds a graduation and

awards banquet for Native students from the U of A, which is one of its most successful events. Dignitaries attending this year included Wetaskiwin federal Member of Parliament Willie Littlechild and Slave Lake MLA Pearl Calahasen.

The council also gets involved in political activities. Last year, the group organized a political rally supporting the Lubicon Indians fight for a land claim settlement with the provincial government.

It was organized in conjunction with the 1988 Olympic Games torch run.

The council also worked with the Indian Association of Alberta to protest post-secondary funding freezes this year by the federal government.

Each year the Council holds Native Awareness Days on campus and holds social events such as parties, powwows, dances, bake sales, banquets, barbecues, films and fund-raising activities.



Passing on her experience: Judy Daniels speaks to students



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Students contribute skills to community

This summer fifty distinguished university students are working as consultants with Indian bands, tribal councils and Native organizations across the province from Fort Chipewyan to the Blood Reserve near Lethbridge.

The Indian Management Assistance Program (IMAP) annually matches both Native and non Native students with projects identified by Alberta's Native communities as important to their developmental goals.

This year's projects are primarily related to business administration and legal research although some community development projects were undertaken.

They range in focus from implementing a computerized accounting system for Beaver Lake Tribal Administration to analysing the community



Sharing resources: IMAP student Beth Ordman (with hat) and NEDA representative.

social service delivery options for Little Red River Cree Tribe.

Seventy percent of the

students are in graduate programs or second degrees.

They were carefully

selected following an aggressive country-wide recruitment.

Mel Beaver, Band Manager of Bigstone Cree Band, which has Barbara Hartley, a MBA student from the University of Alberta conducting a management audit of the band says that "the IMAP students have so much enthusiasm, as well as the education; they really make a difference for the band".

Clayton Mullen, who is entering his third year of law at the University of Saskatchewan, is working for the summer doing legal research on pressing issues like election and cemetery bylaws for the Blood Tribe.

"This job has overshot my highest expectations in terms of work experience. I'm learning so much and I feel like I'm really helping the community."

Mullen, a Native student, feels that it is important for Native students to contribute to the development of their communities by working in them and for them.

"IMAP allows Native students the opportunity to gain valuable professional experience. And the communities benefit from the quality work by people who are committed," he said.

Nova Laurin, Director of IMAP, says that interest from and support of the program by Alberta's Native communities is tremendous.

"More than seventy-five project proposals were submitted this year".

She explained that bands and organizations recognize the financial

value of the program.

"The IMAP students live in the community, consulting at very little cost to the organization."

The participating organizations provide accommodation and pay for project-related expenses but the consultants' salaries (an average of \$1,600 per month) are covered through First Nations Resource Council.

Funding for the Indian Management Assistance Program is provided from a number of sources including Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Canada Employment and Immigration, Municipal Affairs (Native Services Division) and Career Development and Employment.

IMAP is managed by First Nations Resource Council, a non-profit Native organization that provides research, resources and public education to Aboriginal communities through legal research, economic development and management development.

Student recruitment and project proposal solicitation for next summer's program begin in November.

Willier meeting new challenge

By Jeanne Lepine
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CORNWALLIS, N.S.

Completing six-weeks of basic training in the Canadian Armed Forces, Private Irene Willier is reaching towards her goal as a research communicator.

The 28 year-old Willier, a former Windspeaker employee, graduated from basic training on July 13 at Cornwallis Training Centre in Halifax.

Enlisting because she wanted to serve on the force and be able to travel, Willier has nothing but praise for the very strict and disciplined program.

She will be stationed in Ontario for the next six months to a year where she will receive training in the army's Intensive Unit.

She has been so enthused with the program she is planning to re-enlist when she has completed



New graduate: Private Irene Willier gets new posting

her original enlistment.

Willier worked with Windspeaker till the last possible moment, before she left to begin her training beginning the first of

May.

Employed for six years with Windspeaker, Willier's dedication and commitment was valued highly at Windspeaker.



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Wednesday, Sept. 6
12:00 noon

The Man, The Snake and the Fox (12 min.)
Menodak the Stormmaker (13 min.)
The Owl who Married a Goose (13 min.)
The Salmon People (25 min.)
Sauk-Ai (10 min.)
Summer Legend (8 min.)
Cry of the Wild (88 min.)

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Wednesday, Sept. 13
12:00 noon

Bears and Man (28 min.)
Caribou of Northern Canada (13 min.)
Death of a Legend (50 min.)
The Great Buffalo Saga (56 min.)
Looms of Amisk (16 min.)

Wednesday, Sept. 20
12:00 noon

Estuary (12 min.)
The Flight of the Snows (28 min.)
Quinning: Canada's Arctic Dog (24 min.)
Van's Camp (27 min.)
Wolf Pack (20 min.)

FOR THE RECORD

Wednesday, Sept. 27
12:00 noon

Age of the Buffalo (14 min.)
Ballad of Crowfoot (10 min.)
Last Days of Okak (24 min.)
Long Lance (55 min.)
Medicine Line (10 min.)
Paul Kane Goes West (14 min.)

CULTURAL RESISTANCE AND CULTURAL SURVIVAL

Wednesday, Oct. 4
12:00 noon

Circle of the Sun (29 min.)
Who were the Ones (7 min.)
Fiddlers of James Bay (29 min.)
Man Who Chose the Bush (28 min.)
A Family of Labrador (59 min.)
Magic in the Sky

Wednesday, Oct. 11
12:00 noon

Nishnawbi-Aski (28 min.)
The People and the Land
The Red Dress (28 min.)
Standing Alone (57 min.)
These are my People (13 min.)
Aboriginal Rights, Land Claims & Sovereignty
Dancing Around the Table (107 min.)

ABORIGINAL RIGHTS, LAND CLAIMS & SOVEREIGNTY

Wednesday, Oct. 18
12:00 noon

Amisk (40 min.)
Fort Good Hope (47 min.)
God Help the Man Who Would Part With His Land (46 min.)

Wednesday, Oct. 25
12:00 noon

You are on Indian Land (36 min.)
Incident at Restigouche (46 min.)
The Inquiry Film (87 min.)

CRITICAL ISSUES IN NATIVE COMMUNITY LIFE

Wednesday, Nov. 1
12:00 noon

The System out of Sight
Out of Mind (20 min.)
You are Under Arrest (15 min.)
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Children of Alcohol (18 min.)
Poundmakers Lodge a Healing Place (29 min.)

EDUCATION

Wednesday, Nov. 8
12:00 noon

Cree Way (26 min.)
Star Blanket (27 min.)
Wandering Spirit (28 min.)
Survival School (28 min.)
Richard Cardinal (29 min.)
Foster Child (43 min.)

URBANIZATION

Wednesday, Nov. 15
12:00 noon

Differences (17 min.)
Charlie Squash Goes to Town (4 min.)
New Day - New Horizons (28 min.)
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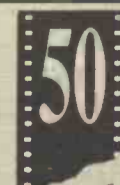
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A Regional Profile

People of Hobbema



Windspeaker reporter Rock Woodward travelled to Hobbema recently to profile the community. He was assisted by reporters Gary Gee, Everett Lambert and Jeff Morrow.

Charity, friendliness - the magic of Hobbema community for reporter

HOBBEMA - There is a magic about Hobbema.

Picture a town that offers a modern gas station, a mall, a business row, schools, modern homes and in the midst of all this, right near the paved highway that runs through the town, a tipi.

The tipi to me signifies a friendly town. Just as you see signs welcoming you to Edmonton or some other faraway city, the tipi is a sign of welcome.

If you've ever visited a powwow at Hobbema and had the chance to talk to some of the residents, you'll notice the tradition of Native people as humorous, proud people who treat you like a brother, is not just a fairy tale.

It's absolutely true.

Hobbema is made up of four Indian Nations: the Samson, Ermineskin, Montana and Louis Bull bands.

Predominantly Native, Hobbema is not without its problems. However, Chiefs, band council members and Hobbema residents themselves are aware of them and like any

other community are attempting to deal with issues like alcoholism, self-government and unemployment.

While on my recent tour of Hobbema I was fortunate.

I say fortunate because everyone I spoke with for directions or information, people were helpful.

At the Samson band administration office, I saw two ladies putting hot pots of food on a table they had set up right in the administration lobby.

Where else but Hobbema would you see hot Native food catered right to you?

Leaving the building, I drove over to another office.

Inside, elders were having a meeting. Again food was being prepared. With a smile band council member Todd Buffalo asked me without hesitation to join the feast.

Where else but Hobbema?

A famous Chief, Crazy Horse, was once asked by a friend if he would be mad if he took his people and camped somewhere else.

Crazy Horse replied: "Why should I be mad? The white man are the only people that make rules for other people that say, if you stay on one side of this line, it is peace.

"But if you go on the other side of the line it means war. I don't hold with deadlines. There is plenty of room; camp where you please."

The people of Hobbema have no lines that you must cross when it comes to visiting, or if you're just passing through.

Resident Percy Johnson said offered his home for me to stay while another resident, Vern Spence, asked me to join in their sober dances on my next visit.

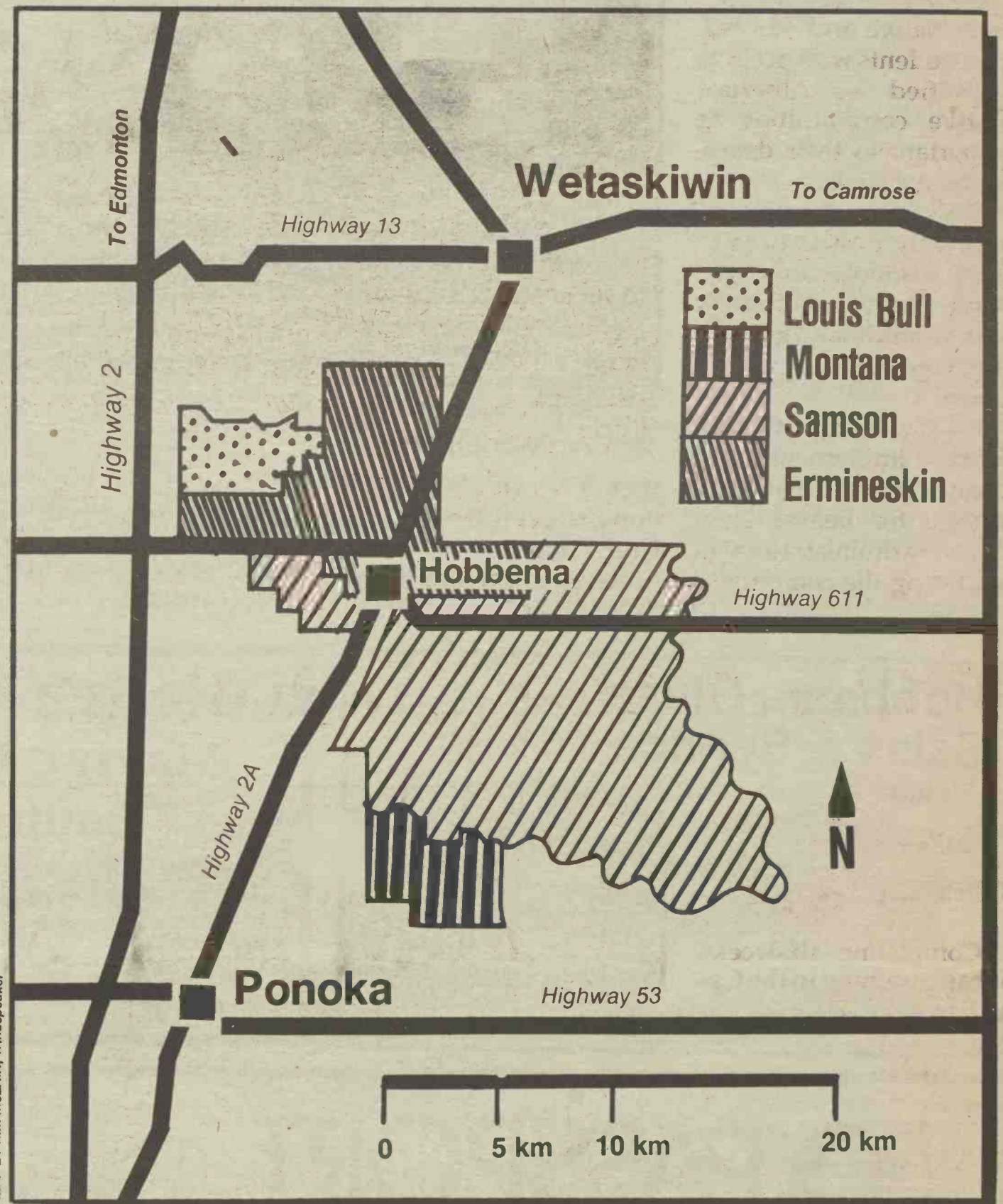
The word, 'camping' is universal in Indian country.

The line, "would you like something to eat" and the always friendly smile and handshake is typical in Indian country.

Such is the way at Hobbema.

Take in a powwow, see for yourself.

And camp where you like.



Samson band launches first of 12 businesses

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

A five-year plan implemented by the Samson Band council last fall should create at least 12 new businesses beginning with the recent opening of a plastic plant at Hobbema.

According to band marketing and promotions official Kirk Buffalo, the five-year plan is absolutely necessary for the future of the community.

With a growing number of people coming of age seeking employment at Hobbema, a business plan was essential to the reserve, he says.

A census taken last year indicated that about 80 percent of the population at Hobbema are 25 years of age and under.

"With the creation of new businesses, many of these young people will be able to look at careers within the business industry. The plastic plant is now in operation and two more businesses are just in the early stages of starting



Self-determination: Kirk Buffalo is convinced Native businesses can compete.

up," said Buffalo.

Buffalo stresses another problem has to be overcome as well.

In order for Native-run businesses to effectively compete in the non-Native business market, Buffalo believes the thinking of Native people must change, too.

"Native people have been stereotyped as lazy and as failures. Sadly

enough, many people believe it's true. We must re-educate Native people that it is not true and that Native businesses can and do compete as well as the non-Native enterprises," he declared.

Buffalo added there is a kind of silent discrimination foisted on Native people and their businesses.

As an example, he

pointed to the Blackfeet Nation's pen-making business located in Browning, Montana.

"When a non-Native buys a pen from the neighborhood corner store and it doesn't work he simply throws it away. When they buy it from the Blackfeet business and it doesn't work properly they say, that figures, they can't do anything right.

Buffalo says the plastic plant at Hobbema is proof a Native-owned business can compete, if run properly.

"If 50,000 plastic bags are needed by a buyer - by the weekend this plant meets its deadline. The plant is also prepared to work in shifts if business demands it," Buffalo said.

The plastic plant consists of four processing machines. To one side of the plant, pallets bearing bags of raw material are carefully stacked.

Bags of plastic beads are processed through a heat machine, and through another machine where eventually the process of plastic bag-making is completed.

"The bags are then run through a cutting machine. Cuts of any length or width to fit the customer can be obtained," explained plant manager Dwayne Johnson.

The plant also has a printing machine where names and logos a customer may want to imprint are printed on the bags are made.

The plant currently em-

loys five workers who were taught to operate the machines by a Korean technician.

"These skilled machinists are all crucial to the business. When there is a bigger demand, these machinists will teach others how to operate the machines," said Buffalo.

The band has hired a consultant and salesman have been hired to look for potential buyers of the product in Edmonton and elsewhere, and to teach band members the art of selling their product.

"His (the consultant's) job is to teach individuals all the tricks of the trade," smiled Buffalo.

Buffalo says the remaining businesses scheduled to open over the next five years will compete for business in both Native and non-Native environments.

He sees it as a great business opportunity.

"We are prepared to face all obstacles we come up against head-on. Our job is to meet these challenges with no thought of failure... only success."

A Regional Profile: The People of Hobbema

Hobbema in 'shock' over counsellor's death

By Everett Lambert
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBBEMA

Members of the Ermine-skin band are still in shock after losing one of their younger leaders earlier this month.

Richard Littlechild, who would now be 38, passed away earlier this month. Littlechild started his three year term on the band council last September. He had been involved in band administration for some 17 years.

"We're still in shock," says Lester Fraynn, 42 who also sits on the band council. Johnny Erminskin, 55, also sat with Littlechild on the band council. The two say Littlechild was "a quite and easy-going guy."

Norma Littlechild, sister-in-law to the late Littlechild, is the acting director of the band's planning secretariat. Norma, who knew Littlechild personally and worked with him, says that "he was a kind, humble man." She comments that he always listened to band members complaints and criticisms with patience.

Fraynn explained that Littlechild's responsibilities included raising outside funding and resources for the band. He also explains that Littlechild was knowledgeable in many areas of band administration and had served as band administrator for many years. He had also served a previous three year term on the council.

After this he was off the band council for some time before he returned last year.

Fraynn also comments that many of his friends attended the funeral with some people having to stand outside the church.

Richard also farmed and was had a large family.

He leaves behind his wife Madelyn, three step children: Michelle, Jeremy and Daniel; three children:

Cheryl, Lisa Rene and Lisa Marie; step grandchildren: Tubby and Helen. He also leaves behind father Rene,

mother Rachel, brothers Kenny, Earl, Carl, Kurt, Dean, Derrek and Robby; and sisters Virginia, Marcella, Marilyn and Jackie.



Sudden passing: Richard Littlechild, a kind and humble man.

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A Regional Profile: The People of Hobbema

Hobbema broadcasting firm bringing cable to residents

HOBHEMA

Canada's first Native subscription broadcasting company is making inroads into the highly-competitive market of cable television.

Hobbema Broadcasting Ltd., which operates on a twenty-watt satellite system, has broken into what has been essentially an untapped market for cable television — Indian communities.

The company, which is ninety-six per cent Native-owned and has over 20 shareholders, has found a base of support in the Hobbema community.

Pat Buffalo, manager of operations, says the company expects to have a base of 2,000 customers — one-fourth of the reserve's population — who will receive their service.

Of the four bands, the Samson band has been the most forthcoming, striking a deal with the company to service 700 homes. An additional 200 homes in Louis Bull band is under negotia-

tions.

Buffalo believes the market potential for the service is unlimited, noting that cable companies such as Wetaskiwin Cable System or Ponoka Cable System is only licensed for corporate limits and don't serve Indian reserves.

The long-range objective of the company is to service most Indian communities in Alberta, said Buffalo.

"I've made presentations to some Indian bands and I see a need for this. The idea here is a communications systems right to the living room of every home," he said.

With the assistance of the Samson band, which is one of the shareholders in the company, Buffalo plans to start up a community channel which will focus on cultural, education and social issues in the Native communities.

Already the company has implemented an electronic 'bulletin board' where customers place ads which will flash on

the tv screen throughout the day.

While Buffalo has many backers behind his service, distributing the signal is clearly the basis for generating more revenue for future expansion.

New customers who want to hook up to the cable service pay an initial (refundable) charge of \$175 for a decoder, \$40 for an antennae, \$50 for installation and the \$29.95 for the first month's signal. The package adds up to just under \$300. For that price, customers will receive channels such as TSN, Muchmusic and American TV stations among others.

The company is currently waiting for approval for a license from the CRTC but Buffalo is optimistic, such approval will be forthcoming.

Meanwhile, what started as a dream three years ago has now become a service that has taken root in the Native community.



Beaming a signal: Pat Buffalo provides a unique service to Hobbema residents

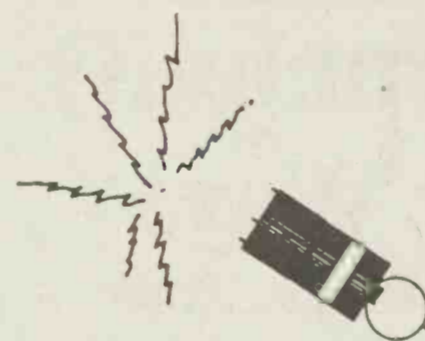
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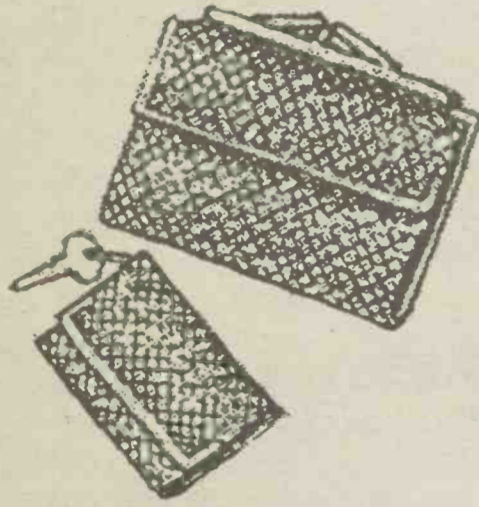
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Purse shop a success

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Correspondent

Right in the heart of Wetaskiwin in a building called Post House, Hobbema resident Linda Wolfe has set up shop.

A purse shop, that is. It's not your just your average purse shop because Wolfe's purses are made from snakeskin and eel skin, commonly referred to as "the leather of the sea".

The shop's purses range in price from \$95 to \$250. Like her shop layout, the purses are elegant and according to Wolfe, she deals strictly in the finest leathers.

Wolfe opened her shop because she loves purses and the elegance that goes with a quality purse.

Originally from the Samson Band of Hobbema, she previously sold her purses from a table stand inside the Maskwachees Mall at Hobbema.

Sales were improving but Wolfe felt with so much purses in stock, it was time to open her own business last year.

"I started selling purses three years ago. Then last year, I opened here at Wetaskiwin. The only way I will ever find out if I'm going to make it is by trying," she said.

Wolfe opened her shop last May at Post House and although she admits that busi-



ROCKY WOODWARD, Windspeaker

ness is slow, she adds business is also steady.

"Yes, I love purses. I can't be the only one who loves beautiful expensive purses, so I started my business," she said.

Mens items are also in stock.

"I have wallets, belts and briefcases on sale for men. My next men's item will be golf bags. The bags are made from eel skin in Korea and should be in my store by Christmas. I am also waiting for a big shipment of women's high heels and shoes," she said.

Wolfe stepped out into the

business world to see if she could succeed on her own.

"I really don't want to work for anyone else. What I am doing is what I love best."

And what of her family?

"My husband Gerald is supportive of me. My youngest child is nine years old so they don't need me at home all the time," Linda said.

If you're ever in Wetaskiwin, Linda would love for you to visit her shop.

"It's right on main street just before you reach the railroad tracks. Buildings on the north side of the street," explained Linda.

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Fall Registration - 1989

Registration will be held as follows at Ponoka Composite High School, for the fall classes. Parents are welcome to attend registration.

Monday,	August 28th	Grade 10) Between the hours of
Tuesday,	August 29th	Grade 11) 9:00 a.m. and Noon
Wednesday,	August 30th	Grade 12) and 1:00 & 3:00 p.m.

To avoid long line-ups it is recommended students come in to register according to the following schedule. The schedule applies to X, XI, and XII.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Last Name
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	CL-G
11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	A-CH
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	SO-Z
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Noon Break
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	P-SN
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	M-O
	H-L

Students must return at this time to pick up their timetables and confirm their courses. Students who are new to Ponoka Composite High School must bring with them and up-to-date list of their marks, for evaluation purposes.

All students are to pay fees and pick up textbooks on their respective registration days. The following fees and charges are due at this time.

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Physical Education 20	35.00
Physical Education 30	35.00
Art	10.00 (for five credits)
	10.00 refundable tool deposit
Driver Education	210.00

Insurance coverage will be available after school begins. Students should pick up an insurance application form on registration day.

School opens on Tuesday, September 5th, 1989, with classes from 8:45 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. Since staff member will be involved in meetings, etc, on August 31st & September 1st, there will be no time for registration of students. Students must register on the days outlined above.

At registration, all students will receive a handbook which outlines school policies and other facets of high school affairs. All parents are urged to read this booklet. Within the first few days of the new school year parents will be sent a copy of their students timetable which they will be asked to sign and return to school.

Reminder: It would be appreciated if all registration fees could be paid in full at this time. Native students are required to pay their Driver Education fee at this time.

Students taking Work Experience 25 & 35 are to register with the teacher in charge of Work Experience when they register and pay fees for their other courses.

Hair Salon offers unique self-help program

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBHEMA

Samson band member Nancy Lewis likes challenges.

The Hobbema residents on the board of Peace Hills Trust, is involved with the Indian Investment Corporation and has been a registered nurse for the past eight years.

In 1983, Lewis opened her own hair boutique named 'Fashion and Hair Design' at Hobbema's Maskwachee Mall.

Her newest and latest challenge will be to implement a unique program into her hair

salon business in September which can boost people's self-esteem.

Using modern psychology, the program is just beginning to be recognized in the United States and has yet to take a foothold in Canada.

Lewis said it's a well-known fact that people generally tend to talk more openly about themselves to their hairstylist than they do to a spouse or family member.

More personal secrets by customers are revealed during a comb and scissors session with their hairstylist than anyone can imagine, she added.

An American psychiatrist who has written a book about



psychology and its use within the hair-cutting and design industry made a surprising discovery, Lewis observed.

One of his clients mentioned that the one person she trusted in discussing her personal problems was a hairstylist.

However, the author wrote that if hairstylists are listening to their customers, they

should be also be trained to give the 'right' kind of advice to their customers.

Lewis' new business venture will offer more than advice.

"We are planning a whole series (six session package) of treatments.

"Our plan is to implement into the hair design program a variety of seminars based on

self-esteem, personal building courses, image-building, health care, skin care and a nutrition program," explained Lewis.

To ensure the program's success, Lewis has employed a professional consultant, Patricia Leduc.

Leduc says once the program is incorporated into the hair design business, it will benefit their clients because it will address many of their social concerns.

"Rather than just hair care, we will take a holistic approach as well. Proper hair care is important but enhancing one's physical, mental and spiritual health is also very important," Leduc said.

Leduc noted that customers often have a lot to say to their hairstylist and that hairstylists get to know their customers extremely well.

"If the salon has a supportive staff, then regular customers will benefit from their visits. Once the hairstylist is trained properly, they will be able to build self-esteem in an individual.

Although the new program is still in its development

stage, Lewis plans to be ready to start on Sept. 16.

The program will be held every second Saturday at the Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre in Hobbema.

She added it is a personal goal of hers to develop potential Native hairstylists to train in her program to become the best.

A firm believer that Native people are reaching the top in the careers they have chosen, Lewis beams when she talks of her star hairstylist, Anita Saddleback.

"Anita has 12 years of experience. We are pushing her to enter the hair-cutting championships in Edmonton and I hope she does. I want people like Anita to become well-known, not only from Hobbema but from across the province as well.

With the new self-improvement program her business offers, she says customers who come in will get more than the latest hairstyle.

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Road to sobriety challenges long-time alcoholic

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBHEMA

When Hobbema resident Vern Spence noticed the one thing important to him - a life with his family which was slowly slipping away - he decided to take steps to correct it.

Once the operations manager of the Panee Agriplex at Hobbema, Vern was admittedly a workaholic where family life was secondary to his job.

Before turning into a workaholic, he admits to having a drinking problem for a long time.

He simply liked to drink, so much in fact that it began to interfere with his personal life.

That was 15 years ago.

Like many alcoholics, when Vern quit drinking the taste of alcohol was replaced by a taste of facing life without drinking.

How does someone, with a new-found sobriety, spend his time? Time that was once easily explained away with the bottle?

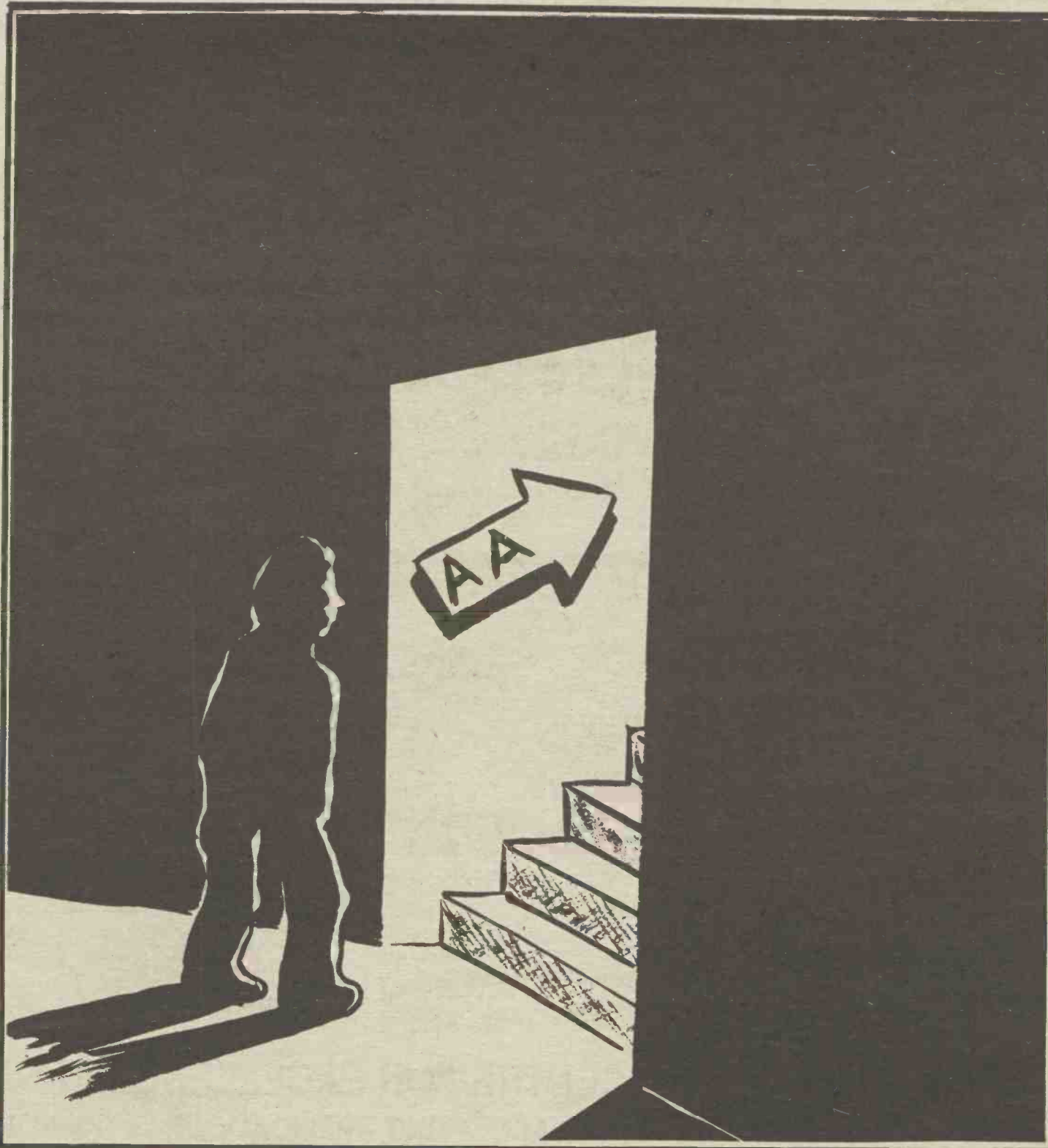
For Vern, working around the clock was one answer. But there was still something missing in his life.

"I spent a lot of time away from home working. It was while I was managing the Panee Agriplex that it dawned on me that what I was missing. It was spending time with my family," Vern acknowledged.

It has been four years since Vern left his post as manager of the Panee Agriplex, but he says the decision was one that has made him much happier today.

"I realized my family is more important to me than anything else in the world. Back then I was neglecting them," Vern said.

Today, Vern spends most of his time with wife



Behind Bars: Natives wait for justice.

Marlene and their four children; Cameron, 19; Cory, 13; Kyle, 10; and Laurie, five. Vern still works but tries

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) now and is quick to add that there are now four AA groups operating at Hobbema.

out of curiosity.

"I was at church when I enquired about AA That Sunday evening I went to

"Admitting one is an alcoholic is very hard. But once an alcoholic admits to himself that he is an alcoholic, then he or she is on the road to recovery. It's a disease, it could strike anybody." - Vern Spence

to keep that to winter months so his family came share more time together during the summer.

"One day they are pulling at your pant leg and the next day, they're all grown up. I want to enjoy them while they are still children," Vern smiled.

He's a member of Alco-

From Aug. 18 to 20, an Alcoholics Anonymous Roundup was held at Hobbema.

Held at the Elders Drop-in Centre, people from as far as Sturgeon Lake and Camrose participated in the three-day event.

Vern says he first became involved with AA

a meeting and haven't looked back since."

According to Vern, the fellowship at AA meetings is tremendously uplifting.

"I found a lot of support when I first started the program. This roundup proves by the many people here that AA does work.

It's a good sign for Hobbema. Meetings such as this one offer a great support system for alcoholics," he noted.

Now, he's become an active speaker at many AA functions and one thing he finds is that men, more often than women, have a harder time dealing with their alcohol problems.

Realizing they have an alcohol problem is harder for men to admit because society demands so much from men, he said.

"Men should never cry, they must be strong and so men tend to keep things bottled up inside, if you'll pardon my expression," said Vern.

Vern is a firm believer that Elders who attend AA meetings have a lot of wisdom to offer a recovering alcoholic.

"An Elder once said men are raised to never show personal weaknesses. He said it is wrong and stupid. I believe he is right.

"If you hold everything inside, sooner or later it will blow up in your face. Usually, when it does blow up, the alcoholic often hurts family members or the friends closest to him," Vern said.

Vern said the Elder suggested that if men need to cry, they should.

"He said it doesn't make you any less a man. More so, it shows you're more a man when you show you have feelings the Elder told me."

A person can learn and deal with feelings when involved with AA, he noted.

"When I talk with people about alcoholism, I tell them to get rid of all the poison inside them. I tell them to forget the past because it does no good, dwelling in the past.

"The program stresses, one day at a time, and that's the approach that should be taken. Living in the past will only drive you to drinking," Vern stressed.

According to Vern, denial is one of the harder things an alcoholic has to deal with.

"Admitting one is an alcoholic can be very hard. But once an alcoholic admits to himself that he is an alcoholic, then he or she is on the road to recovery. It's a disease, it could strike anybody." Today, Vern lives his life one day at a time.

"Working at a marriage, spending time with your family, going to work, all these things don't come easy.

"But good things in life never come easy.

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"The good things in life may not come easy but I would have it no other way," Vern said.



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College attracting students province-wide

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBHEMA, Alta.

The opportunities for Native educational development are unique at the Maskwachees Cultural College in Hobbema.

And the dean of student services says there are many people willing to take advantage of what the school has to offer.

Enrolment is increasing every year, Fern Thompson says, especially for those wanting to go on for a university education.

"We're getting a good number of people wanting to continue on," she says.

The 15-year-old college, situated in the confines of the old Hobbema residential school, was first established to cater to residents of the Four Nations of Hobbema.

But now, Thompson says, other Natives from around Alberta are given the chance to advance their education and careers.

"Of course we have to satisfy their (Hobbema



residents) needs first. But we are open to others after that," she adds.

The school usually reaches its capacity enrolment of 400 students, she

said. "And there are a number of outreach sites located throughout the reserve."

The college has a depart-

ment exclusively devoted to Cree culture with Cree language and Cree studies courses.

The most unique features of the college, says Thompson, are the people that work there.

She says most of the 25-member teaching staff are from the Hobbema area, and she feels they are the best suited to teach the cultural curriculum.

There are, of course, professional teachers to instruct in the advanced university classes, she notes.

The majority of students come to Maskwachees to study education, business management and social work.

Thompson says the college administration plans to introduce a science course in the future.

This year there are 35 people registered in the first year university program; 25 people in the continuing studies course, 30 in the advanced adult program, 30 in the basic adult program and 60 in the combined upgrading and skills program.

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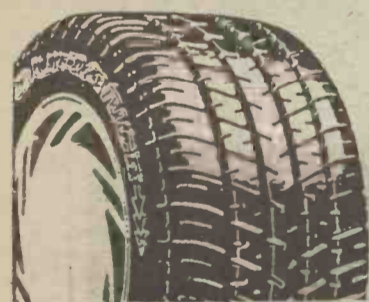
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Suicide race a challenge

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Correspondent

Just before the North American Indian Classic Rodeo starts in Hobbema on Labor Day, there's another event which will grab the interest of the rodeo fan.

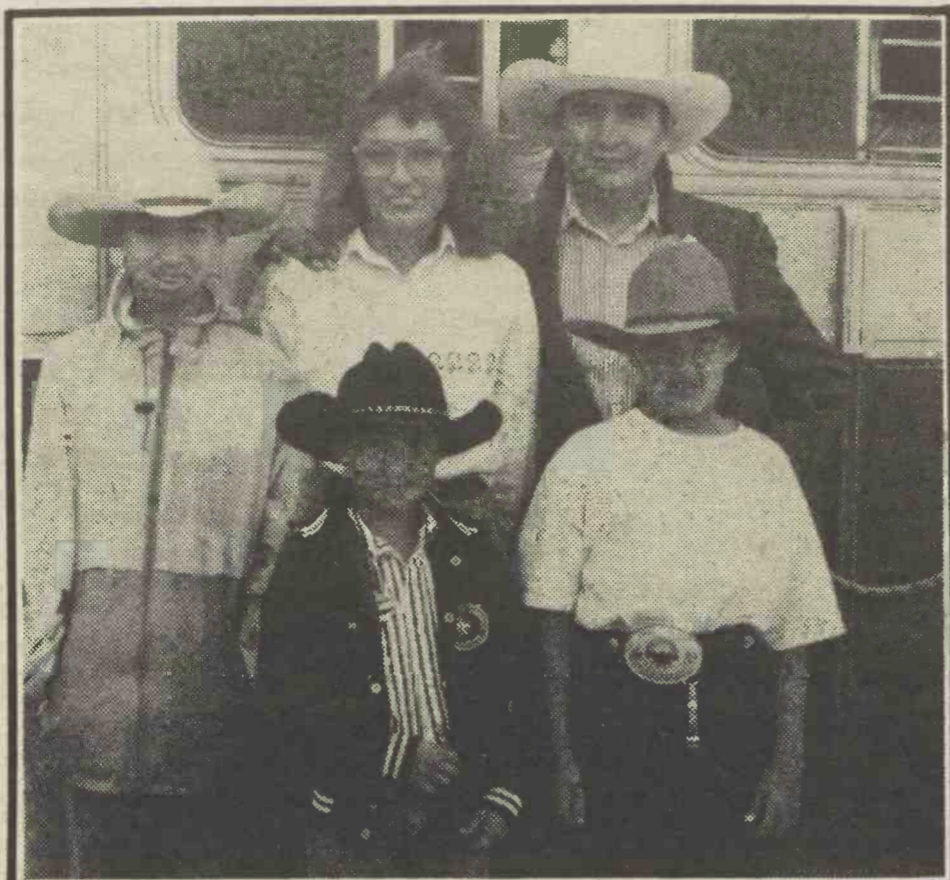
If you have a "hankering" and believe you're as good a horse rider as you think you are, then the Todd Buffalo Rodeo and Suicide Horse Race is open to you.

From Aug. 30 to 31, cowboys from all over the country will unhitch their horse trailers at the Buffalo Rodeo Grounds and prepare themselves for a rodeo and suicide race.

That's right, a suicide race.

It's been an annual race for a few years, says Todd Buffalo.

The horses race through an infield parking lot straight down a 30 ft. embankment into the river, across it, up the other river bank and back again," laughed Buffalo.



Suicide organizers: Todd Buffalo and family.

Buffalo says it's a fun rodeo and they even have a businessman's event.

If you are sponsored by a business, you can enter what is called the Businessman's Competition.

"We once had a businessman from Korea compete. He was sore but he did very well," Buffalo said.

There is a main event where cowboys such as well-known calf roper Jim Gladstone are competing

in addition to many other well-known rodeo competitors from across the United States and Canada.

"We took a survey and found that 27 different Indian tribes from across North America were represented at our rodeo. They had made the trip from 24 different provinces and states," beamed Buffalo.

"A lot of cowboys participate in the suicide horse race but few ever finish.

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Hobbema swimmer reaching to beat the world's best

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Correspondent

Is 16-year-old swimmer Jonathan Wolfe of Hobbema an Olympic prospect for Canada in 1992?

Not, according to Wolfe, who is too modest to admit that may be one of his goals.

But he has all the markings required to become an Olympian, according to world class swimming experts who have watched him swim.

He has taken swimming lessons since he was nine years old when he first joined a swimming club in nearby Wetaskiwin.

Today, he is a member of the Calgary Cascade Swimming Club. Wolfe trains in the 25, 50 and 100 metre short and long course. He is at his best in the 50 and 100 metre freestyle.

As a senior on the club, Wolfe recently graduated from the swimming rank from blue to gold which represents the top level of swimmers in the Cascade club. It's an accomplishment he wears with pride.

This is Wolfe's first year of real competition and although he has always performed well in meets, competing against the best swimmers from other clubs has made him a better swimmer.

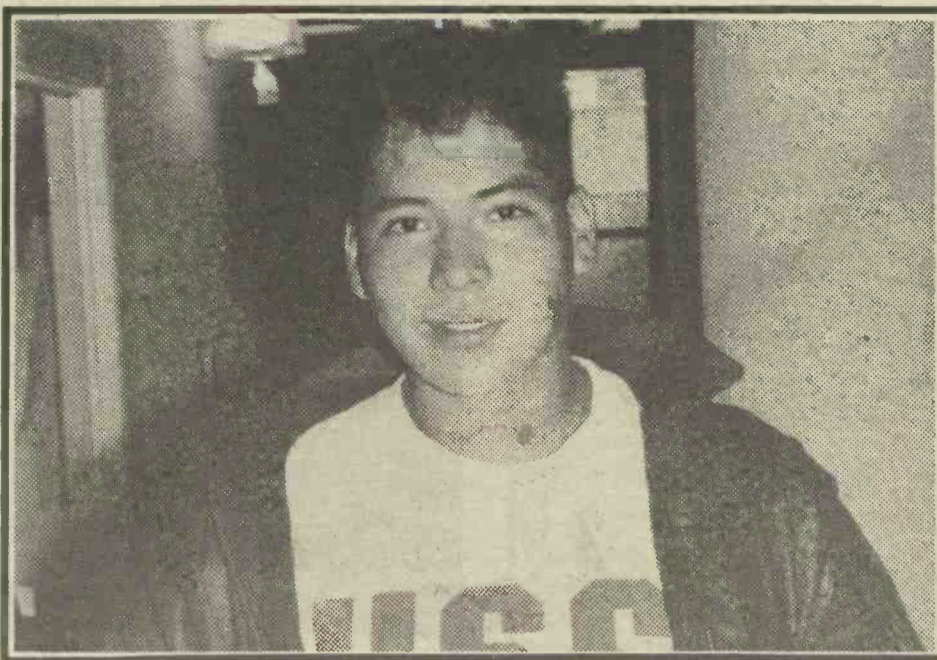
He has been nominated for swimmer of the month this year after winning the honor twice last year.

Wolfe's swimming accomplishments have earned him five medals at the provincial swim meets held in Calgary last year.

Over eight years of swimming, Wolfe has accumulated numerous ribbons and medals, proof that he is a winner.

But what makes him so good at competitive swimming?

What is it that has some people thinking he could make Canada's Olympic team and travel to Barcelona,



Olympic prospect: Hobbema swimmer Jonathan Wolfe

Spain for the 1992 Olympics?

Wolfe's mother, Linda, believes there are four reasons including his desire to be the best, years of hard training, good swimming coaches and a supportive family.

Come winter, Wolfe will be training with the Cascade club for next year's national swim competition.

He has nothing but good things to say of head coach Jeff Coulter.

"He's the best. It's the getting up at four in the morning to start training each day that isn't so nice," Jonathan noted.

Having trained under George Haines who some consider to be the best in the swimming world, Wolfe is receiving world-class coaching.

Haines, swimming coach at Stanford University in California, has garnered a reputation for sending more swimmers to the Olympic Games than any other coach in the world.

As well as training at the Long Horn Swim Club in Texas, Wolfe has attended the University of Alberta's training camp and recently attended Camp Chikipi in Ontario.

He is also an avid runner and canoeist, which he uses to his advantage as a swimmer.

A grade 11 student at Bishop Carroll High School in Calgary, where he lives during school term, he is keeping up his school marks while training rigorously.

At the end of school term this year he had a 77 percent average in senior metriculation.

He acknowledges that because of the support his family and friends give him, his training and his education are easier to cope with.

Wolfe stresses he never forgets where he comes from. His Native culture is always a part of his life as a member of the Samson band at Hobbema.

"Whenever time allows me, I get involved with my Native culture. But no, I don't powwow dance," he laughed.

His mother says she couldn't ask for a better kid. "He's a fantastic athlete. We never have to push him about his training or his education. Jonathan knows what he wants and works hard at his goals. Yet he always keeps his school marks up," said Linda.

Training year-round can become very demanding on an athlete.

However, even though Wolfe has a full agenda he still finds time to do things kids his age like to do.

Wolfe says he loves cars, music, going out and having fun and most of all, his girlfriend Andra.

He won't admit it but in his competitive eyes you can see tiny hints of Barcelona, Spain.

The 1992 Olympic's are definitely not that far from Jonathan Wolfe's swimming reach.

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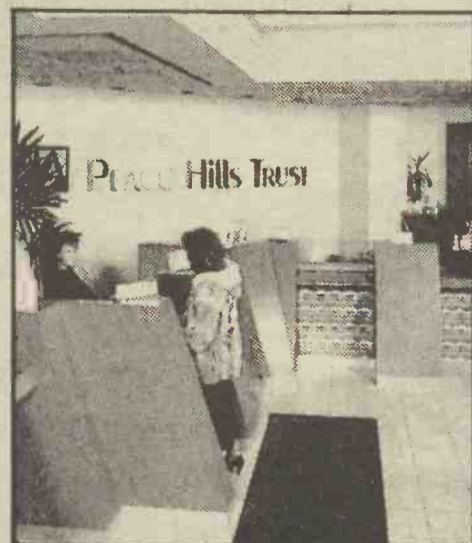
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Ambulance serves whole community

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Correspondent

When the sirens wail in Hobbema and someone, somewhere, needs medical attention in a hurry, it is a comforting thought to know a trained medical staff are only seconds away.

Since 1984, Muskawchees Ambulance Authority has been serving Hobbema and area.

On call 24 hours a day, the ambulance service has all the modern medical technology required to deal with any emergency.

Their staff of 24, also includes five Native road staff who received their training through paramedic programs and are now qualified Emergency Medical Technicians, (EMT's).

"In Alberta there are a number of different training programs, including a program here in Hobbema at the Muskawchees College.

"Our staff must at all times keep current on new treatments and procedures so instructions is constant," commented Muskawchees Ambulance Operations Manager Bill Coghill.

Operating the ambulance service for Native



Ready to roll: Ambulance workers are on 24-hour call.

people is really no different than any other service across Alberta Coghill added.

"Its no different. We receive the same type of calls, and sometimes travel outside the Hobbema area". Our license is the same as it is for other ambulance services. We're

here to serve anyone who needs help," explained Coghill.

However, there is one factor that some of the EMT's have to overcome, Coghill states.

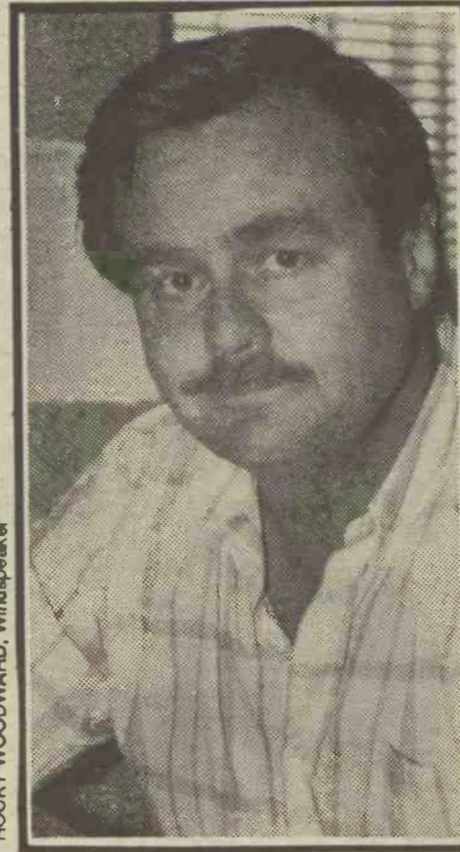
"There are cultural differences and staff have to

be educated about these differences. But it is no different then working in a non-Native environment," Coghill said.

The ambulance service is located near Hobbema's business center. Just off

Highway 2 that runs through Hobbema, the two well equipped ambulances have easy access to handle an emergency.

Presently a new section regarding ambulance services is being debated in the



Manager Bill Coghill

cally, we fall under provincial jurisdiction but we are the responsibility of the Federal Government as an operation on an Indian reserve. It could really have a bad effect on ambulance service and rates" said Coghill.

An Alberta Native Ambulance Operation Association has been organized by Randy Baptise and the ambulance services board of directors, who are monitoring the outcome of the new section.

Although Coghill and his staff are wondering how the new section will effect the ambulance service in Hobbema, they do not let it interfere in everyday ambulance operations.

"We're here to serve the Hobbema area, 24 hours a day and will continue to do so."

Provincial Legislature. This new section has Coghill worried because it could effect ambulance rates and it's service efficiently.

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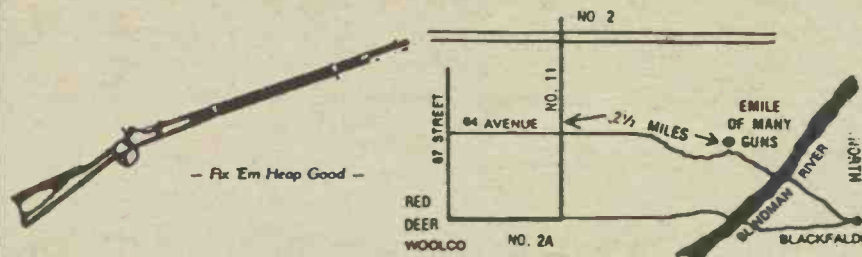


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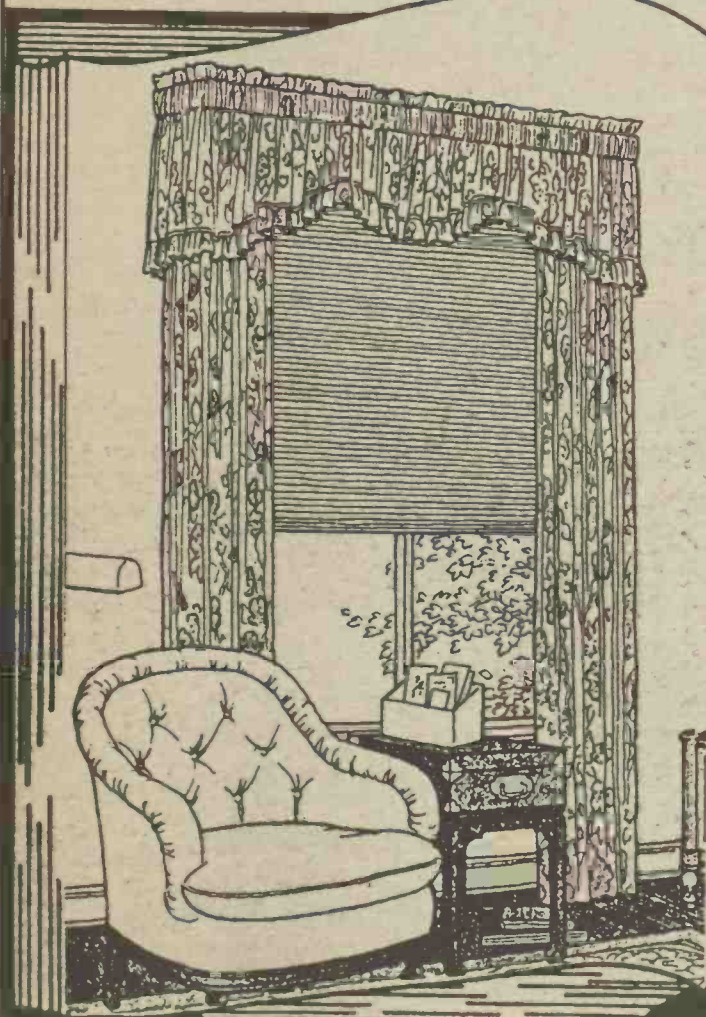
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An evening of magic with Harry Rusk

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

It has been quite a few years since country singer and now gospel singer and travelling minister, Harry Rusk, has sang country music.

But recently in front of a crowd of people whom he called "family", he went down memory lane and performed some crowd favorites recorded many years ago.

Along with Rusk on stage were members of his old group, the "Trade Winds", together after 17 years.

Rusk's performance took place at the southside Strathcona branch of the Royal Canadian Legion where he is also a member, having served both in the Army and Air Force.

In front of a crowd of about 70 people, Rusk lost none of the magic that took him to the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee over two decades ago.

Rusk holds the honor of being the first full-blooded Indian to ever stand in the spotlight on the Grand Ole



Songs of yesterday: Harry Rusk and the 'Trade Winds'

Opry.

His voice has often been compared to that of legendary country superstar, Hank Snow.

From the 1950s to the 1970s, it made Rusk a household name across Canada.

On his recent return to the stage as he sang solo, Rusk called on his "old buddies" and fellow musicians to join him.

For many in the audience, it was a thrill to watch

him perform. For Rusk, too, it was a thrill to sing again with old friends after so many years.

"It brings a lot of joy to me. I have to say in all honesty, these guys are the best musicians I have ever played with," said Rusk. Performing in front of a crowd has always been Rusk's specialty.

With songs like his last hit "The Redman and the Train", written in 1974, he captured the attention of

everyone.

It is little wonder that during the peak of his singing career in order to book Rusk for a performance, it cost dearly compared to his early days when he was earning \$80 a night for gigs.

But, it wasn't long after he rose to the heights of the country music charts, that Rusk suddenly quit.

Rusk found another road to follow as the sign at the back of the stage where he was performing

depicted.

It read, "From the trapeze to Nashville and now on the Gospel Road."

"I could have had it all and indeed I was at the top, but I decided to give my life over to the Lord," Rusk explained.

Rusk made that transition with no bitter tears. It was, after all, what he wanted.

He left behind the glitter and all the attention that comes with being a coun-

try star to follow his heart, the gospel road.

Still, watching Rusk standing on stage, laughing and joking with the crowd as he used to on the Don Messer Jubilee show, the Tommy Hunter Show and the Grand Ole Opry, he was indeed having the time of his life... if only for one more time.

"We are all family here, friends. Let's enjoy ourselves," Rusk said as he went into a song made famous by his idol and closest friend, Hank Snow: 'Movin' On'.

Even after 17 years of not being together, Rusk and Trade Wind, remembering songs they once played across the country, were as tight a band as could be.

It was a night that called for more but like all good things, they eventually come to an end.

It was Harry Rusk's night.

But like the person he is, he shared his spotlight with everyone there, merely adding a little flavor of his country soul, charm and friendliness in the way only Harry can.

Reporter - Announcer - Operator Broadcast Operations Northern Native Broadcasting Terrace, B.C.

Northern Native Broadcasting is one of the youngest Native Communications group in Canada. During the coming years this society will become one of the leaders in Native communications.

We are looking for candidates for the full-time position of Reporter - Announcer - Operator with the B.C. Native Communications Society, Northern Native Broadcasting based in Terrace, British Columbia.

The position will be both rewarding and challenging for an individual dedicated to a broadcasting career. The successful candidate must have experience in all aspects of radio production as researcher, interviewer, script writer, audio tape editor and operator. A strong understanding of the Native culture, lifestyle, issues and concerns is an asset to the position as well as a good understanding of political, social and cultural structures in British Columbia and Canada. The candidate must possess an appropriate Degree/diploma in Radio Broadcast Communications and significant related experience pertaining to the production of radio programming; or Equivalent experience in Native Broadcasting with special emphasis in Northern Broadcasting; Possess a valid Drivers licence.

Northern Native Broadcasting is located in Terrace B.C., a community of 20,000 that is very attractive in its mountainous environs, mild weather and the recreational, educational and lifestyle opportunities it presents to its residents.

If you are interested in this position, please send a resume, cover letter and demo tape to:

Mr. Ray Jones
General Manager
Northern Native Broadcasting
P.O. Box 1090
Terrace, British Columbia
V8G 1S6

Fax Number: 1-604-638-8027
Ph: 1-604-638-8137
Closing Date: Friday, September 1, 1989
Start Date: Monday, September 11, 1989
Start Salary: \$1600.00 monthly
Three month probational period



News Director - Broadcaster Broadcast Operations Northern Native Broadcasting Terrace, B.C.

Northern Native Broadcasting, Terrace, British Columbia is seeking candidates for the position of News Director - Broadcaster.

This position will be both rewarding and challenging for an individual dedicated to a News Broadcast career. The successful Candidate must have experience in all aspects of radio production as researcher, interviewer, script writer, copy writer, audio tape editor, operator and live News Broadcaster. A strong understanding of the Native culture, lifestyle, issues and concerns is an asset of the position as well as a good understanding of political, social and cultural structures in British Columbia and Canada.

The candidate must possess post-secondary training related to broadcast journalism or: a minimum of two years experience with grade 12; or significant related experience pertaining to the production of radio news programming. Strong news read and writing abilities; public affairs experience essential; good organizational skills; experience with word processors/computers are further assets to the position. A valid drivers licence is required.

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This Week in...

Sports

Lac La Biche Trappers capture baseball crown

By John Putters
Windspeaker Correspondent

A four-run rally in the bottom of the sixth inning capped off a come-from-behind final game victory for the Lac La Biche Trappers who went on to capture the Native Provincial Baseball Championships last weekend in Kikino.

The dramatic upset victory over the defending provincial champion, Kikino Saints, came after the Lac La Biche squad staved off elimination in the six team double knock out tournament held August 19 and 20.

Down 4 - 3 after four innings of play, the Trappers rallied for two runs in the bottom of the fifth after Lac La Biche pitcher, Tom Erasmus, hit a two run homer giving his team a 5 - 4 lead.

Leading 5 - 4 after five innings, the Trapper lead was extended further after first baseman Myles Lavallee sparked the four run sixth inning with a bases loaded stand-up double with two outs.

The Saints chose to face Lavallee instead of Erasmus who they intentionally walked before the Trapper first baseman stepped up to home plate. Lavallee effectively hammered the nails into the Saints coffin with his double.

The Trappers carried the momentum on into the sixth inning chalking up another four runs on their way to a 9 - 4 thrashing of the Saints.



Alberta Native Provincial Baseball Champions

Erasmus, who allowed only four Saints runs in the game, was credited with the go ahead run and wound up the winning pitcher.

Erasmus was later awarded a trophy for being the tournament's best pitcher.

Sunday evening's final game, easily one of the best in the tournament, marked the third game that day the Trappers came up against the Saints.

Early Sunday, in the first match-up between the two teams, the Saints scored three runs in both the first and sixth innings paving their way to an easy 9 - 6 victory over the Trappers.

The defeat meant the Trappers would have to go through the rest of the tournament without a loss or face elimination.

In the Trappers' next game, they came up against Good Fish Lake scoring eight third inning runs on their way to a 12 - 2 thrashing and sending Good Fish Lake packing.

That win paved the way for a semi-final match-up against the Kikino Saints, who had gone undefeated

until that game, which the Trappers had to win to force a final contest.

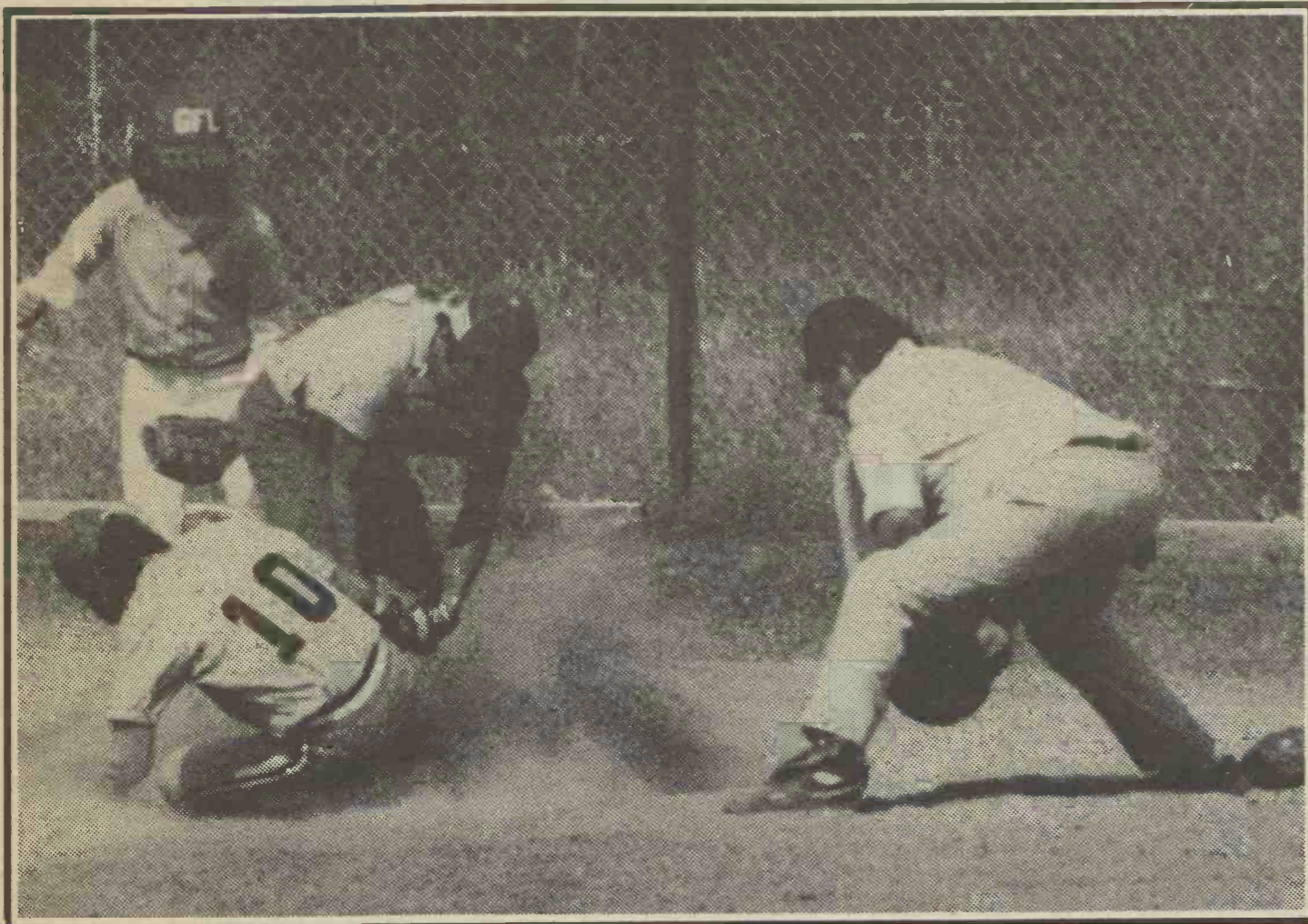
In the semi-final match-up, Trapper Myles Lavallee once again came through hitting a key seventh inning home run to break a 6 - 6 dead lock and led the Lac La Biche squad to an 8 - 6 victory. Tom Erasmus registered the win for the Trappers.

In the final game, the Trappers expressed concern over the umpiring which they claimed cost them the earlier match-up against the Saints.

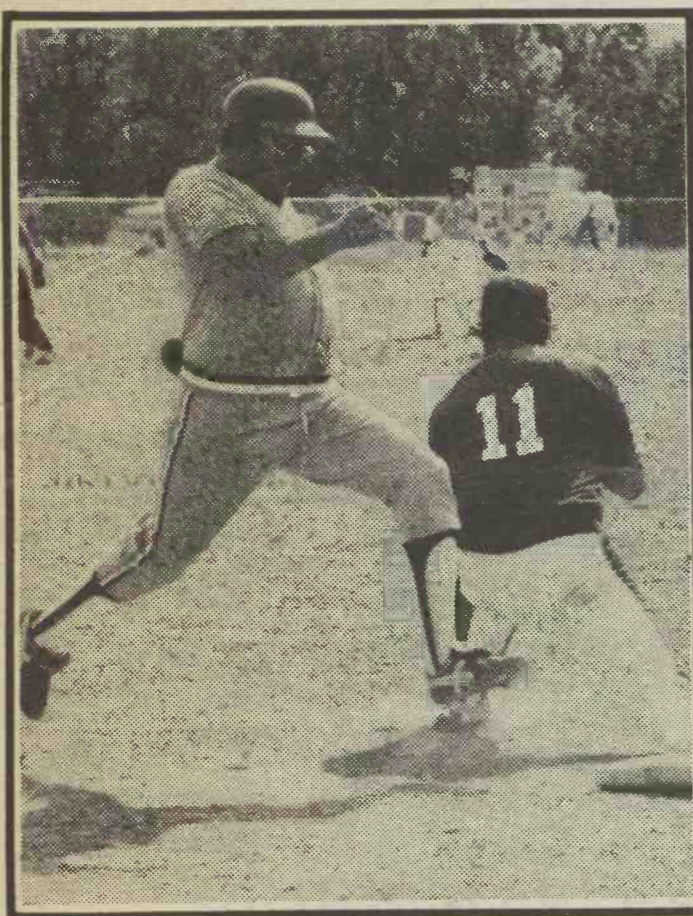
The Fort McMurray Angels, who were eliminated by Goodfish Lake, were also questioning the umpiring after falling short in a match-up against the squad.

But superior defence combined with strong hitting was enough to lift the Trappers to the final win and the championship - their first ever in the history of the tournament.

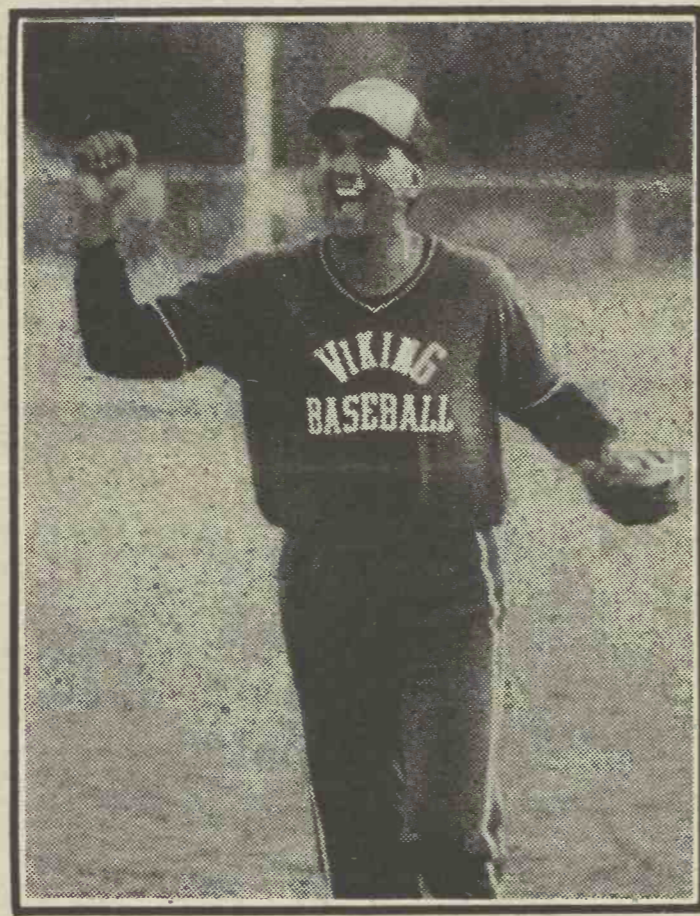
As this year's champions, the Trappers will now host next year's tournament in Lac La Biche.



A close play at home in the game between Goodfish Lake, and Ft. McMurray



Ft. McMurray Hector White hustles to beat out an infield single in a game against Goodfish Lake.



Lac La Biche Trappers playing coach Tom Erasmus punches the air in victory after getting the final out in the Provincial Championship game.

Notice of Hearing for

Permanent Guardianship
to: Shellee Rabbit

Take Notice that on the 11th day of October at 9:30 a.m. a hearing will take place in Wetaskiwin Family Court. A Director under the Child Welfare Act, will make an application for permanent guardianship of your child, born on December 15, 1986. You are requested to be present at the hearing. You have the right to be represented by legal counsel. An Order may be made in your absence, and you have the right to appeal the Order within 30 days from the date the Order is made.

Contact: Shonda Kiester
Alberta Family and Social Services, (city) Wetaskiwin
Telephone: 352-1214

Notice of Temporary Guardianship

to: Tamara Kelly
Buffalo

Take Notice that an application for Temporary Guardianship of your child, born on February 7, 1981, will be made on the 11th day of October at 9:30 a.m. in Wetaskiwin Family Court.

Contact: Shonda Kiester
Alberta Family and Social Services, (city) Wetaskiwin
Telephone: 352-1214

BAND MANAGER CHIPEWYAN INDIAN BAND FORT CHIPEWYAN, ALBERTA

We are seeking an experienced manager who can maintain the momentum towards self-sufficiency and top quality for our administration. The successful candidate must be willing to relocate to Fort Chipewyan: be skilled in office procedures; inventory control and planning; be committed to staff training and be able to communicate with most everyone. Duties include: planning annual budgets; interacting with a wide range of government agencies; devising policies and advising Chief and Council on rapidly developing issues. The successful candidate should have a good knowledge of accounting procedures, government assistance programs, planning and staff development.

This is a very challenging position. Interested candidates should submit resume with three references as to suitability and experience to:



Athabasca Chipewyan Band 201
P.O. Box 366
Fort Chipewyan, Alberta T0P 1B0

U of A grad appointed to NWT university Senate

YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T

A University of Alberta graduate from Fort Smith has been appointed to the university's Senate.

Dan Daniels, Director of Certification and Student Assistance for the territorial Department of Education, succeeds Commissioner John Parker who served on the senate from July 1, 1986 to July 1, 1989.

"By appointing Mr. Daniels, the first northern-born native to sit as a representative of the territorial government, the University of Alberta has displayed its commitment to strengthening its ties with the North," said Education Minister Stephen Kakfwi.

A resident of Yellowknife, Daniels describes the Senate appointment as "a good opportunity which will hopefully lead to more opportunities for education programs in the North."

Daniels will serve as a liaison between N.W.T. communities and the University of Alberta, and will help to develop overall direction for the university's involvement with the North.

"I would like to see the

university, in conjunction with the Department of Education and Arctic College, investigate the use of electronic and technological developments as a means of bringing education closer to home for students who can't afford to travel off to school or who for whatever reason want to pursue their studies at home," said Daniels.

Daniels was born, raised and educated in Fort Smith. Upon graduating from high school in 1975, he studied at Lutheran College in Camrose, Alberta, for the first year of his Bachelor of Arts before transferring to the University of Alberta for the remaining three years of his degree.

When he graduated from university in 1979, Daniels returned to Fort Smith to work as a child-care worker for the Department of Social Services. He subsequently transferred to the Department of Education and moved to Edmonton to work as a student counsellor.

In 1982, he returned to the University of Alberta to earn his Bachelor of Education. Since graduating in 1984, he's been employed by the Department of Education.

"Education is really a means of giving a person a lot of pride and self-esteem, a sense of accomplishment and it opens doors to many, many more opportunities."

A resident of Yellowknife for the past five years, Daniels is active with the Metis Reelers, and

as a coach for the Yellowknife Minor Hockey Association.



THE CITY OF CALGARY

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ABORIGINAL URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Each year at its Organizational Meeting in October, City Council appoints citizens to its various boards, commissions and committees.

Applications from persons who would be willing to sit on The City of Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee for the year 1990 are requested.

In some instances City Council may re-appoint members who wish to continue to serve, therefore the number of appointments shown does not necessarily reflect the number of new appointees.

Applicants may be requested to submit to a brief interview by City Council.

Particulars on the Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee are as follows:

Citizens to be Appointed	Term of Appointment	Total Number of Members	Meetings Held	Approximate Length of Meetings	Regular Time of Meetings
14	1 year	16	Monthly (1st Wednesday)	2 hours	4:30 p.m.

Your application should state your reason for applying and service expectations. A resume of no more than two 8 1/2" x 11" pages should be attached stating background and experience. Please mark envelope "Committees".

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 4:30 P.M., 1989 SEPTEMBER 15.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to telephone 268-5861.

Joyce E. Woodward, City Clerk

Applications should be forwarded to:
City Clerk
The City of Calgary
P.O. Box 2100
303 - 7 Avenue S.E.
Calgary, Alberta
T2P 2M5

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Employment Opportunity

Executive Director

The High Level Native Friendship Centre, a non-profit society, dedicated to the provision of services to the native community and to the development of positive cultural relationships in the High Level district, requires a dynamic, energetic individual to lead the day to day operation of the Centre.

Duties:

- Reporting to a Board of Directors, the incumbent will be responsible for:
- supervision of three full time staff and additional project and volunteer workers
- preparation and monitoring of annual budget
- programme development and evaluation
- public relations
- development of programme and funding proposals

Qualifications:

- an appropriate level of education and training
- various administrative and management experience
- familiarity with the Native Community and Native Organizations
- demonstrated ability to prepare written proposals
- supervise staff
- deal successfully with various private and government funding sources
- the ability to represent the Friendship Centre on various committees and community initiatives
- ability to speak aboriginal languages will be considered an additional asset
- must have a valid drivers license and vehicle

Additional Information

Monies are available through Canada Employment Centre for travel to interviews, if a person is unemployed or in the process of being laid off. If you should fall into either of these categories, we would appreciate your applying for these funds. See your local Employment Centre for further information.

Salary and benefits are negotiable. The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. Enquiries and resumes to:

Patrick Cavanagh, President
Board of Directors
High Level Native Friendship Centre
Box 1735
High Level, Alberta
T0H 1Z0



SIK-OOH-KOTOKI FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

535 13 ST. NORTH
LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA
CANADA T1H 2S6
PHONE (403) 328-2414

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Applications are invited for the position of Assistant Director for the SIK-OOH-KOTOKI Friendship Society. Under the direction of the Executive Director, the Assistant Director will be responsible for the complete programming, implementation and maintenance of the Program Department.

Duties to Include:

- Development and implementation of community related projects and proposals.
- Preparation of quarterly submissions to funding agencies.
- Maintain positive relation activities with funding agencies and community organizations.
- Be responsible for obtaining and organizing coaches/volunteers for program activities.
- To be responsible for making arrangements/bookings for recreational facilities.
- To assist the management team and staff members in budget proposals and submissions.
- Represent the Society at other organizations where authorized.
- Assist in the coordination and supervision of weekend and evening activities.
- To assist the Executive Director in liaison and advocating of native issues pertaining to the Society.
- To develop a positive rapport with other communication groups.
- Ensure sufficient funding and expenditures are in accordance with the approved budget.
- Reporting of day-to-day operations and activities to the Executive Director.
- Ensure that program information is mailed to membership and agencies.

Qualifications:

- Education experience must be of a post-secondary level in either recreation, program management or social services development, or equivalent of minimum four (4) years demonstrated experience.
- Efficient reporting and writing skills.
- Class 4 operators licence an asset, or be prepared to obtain class 4 operators licence.
- Strong background in financial management.
- Knowledge of government funding sources, foundations and private funding groups.
- Knowledge of computers.
- Knowledge of ABORIGINAL CULTURE and LANGUAGE is a definite asset.
- Knowledge of Treaty and Metis Rights.
- Abstinence from drugs and alcohol for a period of three (3) years.

Closing Date: August 30, 1989, at 4:00 p.m.

Salary: Negotiable

Apply to: SIK-OOH-KOTOKI FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

Attention: Mr. Mike Bruised Head
535 - 13th ST. North
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POWWOW COUNTRY

Prince Albert powwow attracts 1,500 people

Fifteen hundred people converged on the community of Prince Albert Saskatchewan from Aug. 15 to 17.

The powwow, hosted by the Prince Albert Indian Metis Friendship Centre, was an overwhelming success.

There were fourteen drum groups and two hundred and forty eight dancers registered for this year's event. Guests came from Idaho, Wisconsin, New Mexico, North Dakota, Montana and the western provinces.

Open areas and bleachers were packed at each performance, with the powwow camping grounds packed to the hilt on the last day.

The 1988 Powwow Princess, Miss Dawn Robinson passed her crown on to Miss Dianne Sutherland with the 1988 Jr. Powwow Princess Miss Cara Arcand passing her crown on to the 1989 Jr. Princess Miss Tanya Eyahpaise.

Also honored during the powwow were the Northern Indian Nations Dance Troupe, who were a part of the first one-



JR COBY: 83 yr-old traditional dancer.

hundred people to enter the Museum of Civilization in Ottawa, Ontario.

The troupe, along with the Battle Creek Drum and Dancers from the Sturgeon Lake Indian Nation, performed in all of the Museum's grand opening functions.

Visitors, parents and friends filled the arbor in joining the Honour song and round dance song that followed.

What a way to end a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the young people who participated.



Tina Bull from Pheasant, Sask.



Larson Sparvier: Traditional dancer.

Alberta

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Notice of Nomination Day Local Authorities Election Act

(Section 26)

Local Jurisdiction Improvement District No. 18 North, Province of Alberta.

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is Monday, September 18, 1989 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon of Nomination Day.

Offices to be filled

**Ward Or Electoral
Division No. (If applicable)**

One(1) Advisory Councillor for the Fort McMurray Advisory Council Division #10 - Conklin

One(1) Advisory Councillor for the Fort McMurray Advisory Council Division #11 - Janvier

One(1) Advisory Councillor for the Fort McMurray Advisory Council Division #12 - Anzac

One(1) Advisory Councillor for the Fort McMurray Advisory Council Division #13 - Fort MacKay

Five(5) Advisory Councillors for the Fort Chipewyan Advisory Council Division #14 - Fort Chipewyan

Location of Local Jurisdiction Office:

- Division #10 - Conklin: Conklin Contact Office
- Division #11 - Janvier: Janvier Contact Office
- Division #12 - Anzac: Anzac Contact Office and I.D. 18(n) Office, 513-9915 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray Provincial Bldg
- Division #13 - Fort MacKay: Fort Mackay Community Hall
- Division #14 - Fort Chipewyan: Fort Chipewyan Fire Hall - I.D. 18(n) Sub Office

Dated at the City of Fort McMurray in the Province of Alberta, this 11th day of August A.D 1989.

Marcel JC Ulliac
Returning Officer

Summer Villages: Nomination Papers are received within the first hour of the annual meeting. (Section 11)

Little Red River Cree Tribe Director of Social Development

To manage a staff of seven persons responsible for delivery of Family and Community Support Services, Youth programs and Tribal Social Assistance programs for three tribal communities of Fox Lake, John D'or Prairie and Garden River.

Should possess a Bachelors of Social Work or MSW plus community experience, or have equivalent combination of education/experience, plus good administrative/financial management skills.

Knowledge of Indian culture/Cree language and/or experience in working with Indian people at the community level are desirable assets.

Salary is negotiable, dependent upon qualifications. Send applications, plus resume and references to:

Jim Webb
Tribal Administration
Little Red River Cree Tribe
Box 1165
High Level, Alberta
T0H 1Z0

Closing Date:
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AGENDA

"Realizing Our Potential - Indian Economic Development for the 90's"

A Working Conference on Indian Economic Development
Edmonton Inn, Edmonton, Alberta

Monday, September 25, 1989

- 1500.....Registration
- Conference Workshop Sign-in
- 1830.....Reception - Wine and Cheese, Trade Show Area
(Maple Leaf Room)

Tuesday, September 26, 1989

- 0830.....Registration
- Conference Workshop Sign-in
- 0900.....Plenary Session (Wild Rose Room)
- Invocation by Elder
- Briefing by Conference Chairman: George Calliou
- Theme Address By: Wilton Littlechild, M.P.
- 1030.....Address: Western Economic Diversification
- 1115.....Address: Mr. Tony Reynolds, Adm. Native Economic Development Program
- Introduction by Chief Bernie Meneen
- 1200.....Luncheon Hon. Pierre Cadieux, Minister, Northern Affairs
- 1330.....Workshop (Assigned Workshop Rooms)
 - 1) Oil & Gas
 - 2) Small Business/Entrepreneurialism/Joint Ventures
 - 3) Human Resource Development/Training
 - 4) International Trade/Free Trade
 - 5) Legal Issues Affecting Indian Economic Development re: Kamloops Amendment
 - 6) The Economic Development Process
- 1500.....Coffee
- 1515.....Resume Workshop Sessions
- 1700.....Adjourn

Wednesday, September 27, 1989 (Corporate Sector)

- 0900.....Plenary Session (Wild Rose Room)
- Invocation by Elder
- Conference briefing by Chairman: George Calliou
- Theme Address By: Chief Walter Twinn, Sawridge Band
- 0930.....Forum on Forestry Development
- Topic: "Development for the 90's, Environment for the Future".
- Moderator: Gregg Smith, Treaty 7, Vice-President, Indian Association of Alberta
- Members: - Alberta Pacific Forest Industries Inc.
- Daishowa (Peace River Pulp)
- Northern Alberta Chiefs
- Aboriginal Resource Development Group

- 1120.....Question Period
- Introduction by George Calliou
- 1200.....Luncheon: Winston Wuttunee, Native Entertainer

1330.....Workshops (Assigned Workshop Room)

- 7) Tourism
- 8) Agriculture
- 9) Financing & Raising Capital
- 10) Indian Business Women
- 11) Taxation Issues for Indian Businesses

- 1445.....Coffee
- 1500.....Resume Workshop Sessions
- 1630.....Adjourn
- 1900.....Cocktail Reception (cash bar)
- 1930.....Banquet

Mr. Andrew Bear Robe, Master of Ceremonies
Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Address: Chief Billy Diamond, James Bay Cree
Dance: Entertainment by - "Fourth Generation Family Band"

Thursday, September 28, 1989

- 0900.....Plenary Session (Wild Rose Room)
- Invocation by Elder
- Conference briefing by Chairman: George Calliou
- Theme Address By: Chief Strater Crowfoot, Blackfoot Tribe
- 0915.....Address: Hon. Ernie Isley, Alberta Minister of Agriculture
- 0935.....Address: Horst Schmidt, Commissioner General For Trade and Tourism
- 1000.....Address: Hon. Ken Rostad, Minister Responsible for Native Affairs
- 1030.....Panel Discussion
- Topic: Federal/Provincial Directions for Indian Economic Development for the 90's.
- Theme Address: Chief Roy Fox, Blood Tribe
- Members: - The Canadian Aboriginal Economic Development Strategy (CAEDS)
- Federal Agencies
- Provincial Agencies
- Alberta Chiefs

1130.....Question Period

Introduction By:
1200.....Luncheon: Mr.R.A. (Sandy) Slator, Vencap Equities Ltd.

1330.....Plenary Session (Wild Rose Room)
Workshop Leaders Reports:

- 1) Oil & Gas
- 2) Small Business/Entrepreneurialism/Joint Ventures
- 3) Human Resource Development/Training
- 4) International Trade/Free Trade
- 5) Legal Issues Affecting Economic Development
- 6) The Economic Development Process
- 7) Tourism
- 8) Agriculture
- 9) Financing & Raising Capital
- 10) Business Women
- 11) Taxation Issues

- 1500.....Closing Prayer by Elder
- Adjournment